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23	Bowen Moulton	" 8"	do – do
63	Bullock & Dieffenbach	" 27"	Bid for sweeps – acceptance of
99	" "	Nov. 21st	Enclosing order on E. A. Packer & Co. for sweeps
125	Bruce. M. & Co.	Dec. 8th	Gold dust – non arrival of
207	Bagby R. B.	1867 Feby 13th	Premium on pennies
231	Barrow & Co.	Mch 2d	Gold for coinage
235	Battershall E. F.	" 6th	First Coinage of pennies
235	Bliss George	" 6th	Purchase of old coins
219	Butler Theo.	Feby 25th	" " " "
277	Briggs J. S.	Apl 8th	Enclosing coin circular
304	Bruce E. M & Co	April 19	Information in regard to sending Express
305	Branson J. S.	" "	5 ct. proof. price
341	Banzan M. F. & Co	" 26	Asking Information
362	Boyd Robt	" 29	No premium on Cents
373	Booth Jas G	May 1	Wages ~~only~~ for working days only
410	Bachman G A	" 11	No premium on cents
424	Bender & Son H	" 15	accepted Note
471	Batten Mrs Nelson	" 25	Reference to Appointment
480	Bingham S. P. R.	" 29	Cost of Proof Set $3.00 in coin
482	Biddle J. H.	" 30	Enclosing Circular

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45	Cullum C.	" 17"	Order for pennies
55	Carter Mrs.	" 23d	Employment in Mint
64	Cohen Edward	" 27th	Coinage of Dimes and Half Dimes
79	Copeland A. B.	Nov. 9"	Ore for Assay
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103	Childs Geo. W.	" 23d	"Ad" for public Ledger
125	Chamberlain D.	Dec. 10th	Enclosing Mt. Certificate
247	Cook and Mitchell	1867 Mch 15th	Retg. Draft made payable to Pollock
284	Crothers H. W.	Apl. 10th	In reference to cent of 1858
286	Carling P. C.	" 11	Redemption of coin
287	Crowell Chas H.	" 11	Premium on cents &c
305	Cooper B.	" 19	Regard to Shipping his Coin
340	Cambridge Valley Nat Bk	" 26	Acknowledging Draft for $500.=
361	Cox T. J.	" 29	Returning Dft for Correction
374	Clark, W. S.	May 1	No premium on cents
381	Campbell W. H.	" 2	Cost of striking medals
386	Carpenter Ira W.	" 6	Abt proof set of silver
398	Coffin Tolman & Co	" 9	Information in regard to ordering Small Coin
399	Chandler T. P.	" 9	Acknowledging Recpt of $10.000 for
409	[illegible]		Small Coin
409	Chase J. A	" 13	Returning Deposit as too Small
412	Corey P	" 14	Enclosing circular regarding Cents
429	Cachwend Peter	" 16	No proof Sets except for 1867 and
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445	Clement P. L	" 18	Small Coin will be Shipped in 2 Weeks
460	Chandler Hon W. E.	" 21	Three foot Balance with Weights
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370	Dunning Geo H	" "	Enclosing Off #1256.
374	Davis B. P.	May 1	No pennies or cents
388	Dunning Geo H	" 6	Air Routes to Denver
481	Dunning Geo H	" 29	Copper has been shipped

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27	Darling K. A	11	Exchange of coin, not authorized
44	Dunning Geo. F.	16	Annual Estimates for 1868— asking for
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124	Dixon Jos. & Co.	7	Enclosing draft in paymt. for Crucibles &c.
129	McDermett Jno.	11	Goeld deposit
131	Dunning Geo. F.	14	Forwarding Requestion for $3.000
155	Donaldson James	1867 Jany 3	Gold. Deposits — answer to queries relating to
169	Douglass H.	16	Proof coins for 1867
170	Dudley Mrs. E. A.	17	Silver deposit
172	Derenberg B.	18	Returning Draft for Endorsement
199	Dennis Felix	Feby. 7	No vacancy in Mint
202	Dunning Geo. F.	" 8	Acknowledging rcpt. of Requestion for $5.000
215	" " "	" 16	Directors views on the subject of his letters of Feby 11 & 14 ult 1866
222	Dixon & Co.	" 20	Desiring original bill for crucibles furnished B. Mt. San Francisco 1866—
236	Dixon & Co.		do
267	Dunlap C. Lew	Apl. 3	Redemption of pennies
267	Day Fred. F.	" "	Issue of Nickels — 1857
272	Dunlap C. Lew	" 6	Exchange of pennies for 5 cts coin
284	Davis C. H.	" 10	In reference to the wreath on 2 ct. piece
297	Dunning Geo. F.	" 18	
301	Dunning Geo F	" 20	(Telegram) order to buy Coffee
322	Dunning Geo F	" 21	Telegram from.
331	" " "	" 23	asking when a fast Sailing Vessel leave N. Y. for San Francisco

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75	English Jas. H.	Nov. 9	Purchase of coins
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302	Elliott Geo M	April 19	Price List of Medals. Furnished
372	Eckfeldt Jacob	May 1	Working days only to be paid
386	Egger Jno	" 6	Abt Deposit billin
392	Edwards J W	" 7	" $500 Small coin
489	Evansville Nat Bk	" 29	Return Left for Correction

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320	First Nat Bank	" 22	Small Coin shipped on 16th inst
397	First Nat. Bank	May 8	Returning Draft for corection
408	Filch Judge &co	" 13	" " " "
412	Fortney B. F	" 14	In reference to exact locality of gold Leads.
434	Fleitmann & Witte	" 16	In Reference to Proposals for Nickel
466	First Nat Bank	" 28	Both pieces are genuine
478	First Nat BK (Lenten)	" 27	Order for Small Coin can be filled in two wks
478	Ferris W.H	" 28	One Proof Set
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115	Gilman Son & Co.	Dec. 1	Gold charges – coining &c.
136	Glass Geo. C.	" 22	Analysis of ore
157	" " "	1867 Jany 8	" " "
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186	Gorton Chas.	" 26	Proof sets
294	(Grand Rapids) City Natl. Bk.	Feb. 15	Retg. draft to be made payable to order of Director
362	Green A.	" 29	Enclosing Circular (distribution of Small Coin)

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30	Hill Jno. T.	" 12	Draft – retd. for sig.
34	Hilbron M.	" 13	Pennies – their value &c.
53	Harlsvin W. F	" 22	Mineral specimen
61	Hendricks Bros.	" 25	Detroit copper
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119	Howe. Thos. M.	Dec. 6	Ore – assay of
125	Hanger David E.	" 8	Gold dust – non arrival of
144	Howard H. E.	" 29	Enclosing Troy ½ oz.
165	Hanger David E.	1867 Jany 15	Retg. letter of Dec. 8th 1866
179	Hinckley E. L.	" 21	Enclosing Coin Circular
183	Heminway S.	Jany 25	Assay of ore
195	Homans. J. Smith	Feby 2d	Retg $10. sent for 5 ct. coin
196	Howells. Geo. M.	" 2d	Mint assays – rules for
296	Hartley J P.	Apl. 18th	Returning approved the official bond of Isaac W. Jones, Assayer Br. Mt. Charlotte N.C.
332	Hoblitzel W. S	" 24	No premium on cents of 58
345	Hamblin G. W	" 27	Forwarding $100. in Small coin
369	Hurlburt J.E.	" 30	No premium – as cents of 1857 – 8
309	Hoffman F.J.	May 13	Enclosing circulars. in reference to cents
414	Howes & Macy	" 14	Acknowledging recpt of Draft for $5400
422	Hathaway E.E.	" 15	Coin will be shipped
423	Hamblin G. W	" "	Bag of Small coin miscarried
431	Harley J. P.	" 16	In reference to Scales
437	Heschle C.A.	" "	No premium on Cents
451	Howe Geo W	" 20	In reference to receipts to parties who deposit U.S. currency for Small Coin
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158	Kortright Chas E. H.	" 9	Enclosing Reports of Mr R. as Chief Coiner
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295	Knox, Jno. Jay	Apl. 16	In reference to furnishing him with mint Reports for the last 25 years.
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344	Knapp. J. L.	" 27	Price of Proof Set
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154	Landon Geo. W.	1867 Jany 3d	Proof coins for 1867
162	Lane Geo. W.	" 12.	Informing him of rcpt. of Reg. for 1st Qr. 18
176	Lasselle H.	" 18.	Settlement of "Clay's" a/c.
182	" "	" 23	Enclosing copy of letter of Dec. 22d 1866
187	Levy Jonas P.	" 28	New metal for coinage
252	Leber Bro.	Mch. 20	Premium on pennies
255	Lane Geo. W.	" 24	Operations for Feby - recpt. of
270	" " "	Apl. 4	Enclosing Reg. for 2d Qr. 1867 - for $7675.00
277	Lanterman H. L.	" 8	Rule for gold deposits
290	Longacre J. B.	" 12	Authorizing 100 sets of the specimen bronze and nickel coin to be struck,
372	" "	May 1	Working days only to be paid for
349	Lane Geo W.	" 2	Abt Coin Dfs
383	Longacre Jas.	" 3	" pattern dies
446	Linderman H R	" 18	Order to take List of dies in Sealed Boxes in vault
462	Lowry & John & Son	May 21	are getting Wood lower than you off
469	Locke E	" 29	No premium on 1857 or 58 cents
484	Longacre J. B.	" 30	Bronze & Nickel proof coin

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264	McCulloch Hugh	Apl. 1	Monthly Count. U.S. Mint. for March 1867
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269	McCulloch Hugh	" 4	Enclosing Req. for 2d Qr. 1867 for $7675.00 Br Mt Denver
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282	" " "	" 8	Dr. Linderman informs him of recpt. of his commission, and of his having assumed the duties of Director
283	Morris J. P. Iron Works.	" 11	In reference to examination of Engine in U.S. Mint
290	Miles & Son	" 12	Enclosing report of Mr. Eckfeldt on assay of ore
293	Mitchell C. B.	" 13	Informing him that Mint does not sell coin
299	Morris J. P.	" 18	Desiring a report of the examination of the large Engine &c
309	McCulloch Hugh	" 20	In regard to two Tons Copper to be Shipped to Branch Mint. San-Francisco. Cal
311	McCulloch Hugh	" 20	Enclosing Report of J. P. Morris on large Engine
313	Mears Geo W.	" 22	In reference to the alloy in Gold Coin
317	McCulloch Hugh	" 22	Asking for Warrant for $39.857.00
88	McCibben C.	" "	In reference to orders from Asst Treas N.T. for Coin
325	McCulloch H C	" 18	Operations of Mint
328	" " "	" 19	In Reference to large Engine
332	Myers J.	" 24	No premium of the cents of 1857 & 58
333	McCulloch Hugh	" 24	Enclosing Requisition of G F Dunning for $35.000.00
334	" " "	" 25	Partial Report of Director U S Mint Br Mt N.O.
346	" " "	" 26	Enclosing Copy of Contract for supply of Nickel, also a
~~356~~	" " "		Communication from Prof Booth on the subject.
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279	Natl Mechanics Bk Balto Md	Apl 8	Redemption of pennies
378	McCulloch Hugh	May 1	Coinage for April 67
380	"	" 2	Abt Hetts Engraving machine
391	Mitler J. H	" 7	Enclosing coin circular
392	McKee A.G.	" "	Abt coin dealer of Phil
400	McCulloch Hugh	" 10	Enclosing Report of Supt Branch Mint, California
403	" " "	" 11	In reference to Branch Mint New Orleans
405	" " "	" "	Balance remaining in favor of B. M. N.O.
413	" " "	" 14	Requisition of Robt B Swain
419	" " "	" 14	In reference to deductions for parting and Refining at Branch Mint San Francisco
422	Mears Bates & Co	" 15	Enclosing Circular
426	McCulloch Hugh	" "	In reference to the count of the funds in hands of U.S. assist Treasurer
430	McCulloch Hugh	" 16	Asking for $1000. for expences for Branch Mint
438	" " "	" "	Seal for Smedmans Bureau
442	" " "	" 17	Pass an assay apparatus free of duty
443	McKibben Chamber	" 17	Statements of Proof Sets Sold 1866 & 1867
444	McCulloch Hugh	" 18	Warant for $1000. for incidental expences
447	Meyers Jno C. B.	" 19	$1.20 Postage due on Package
448	McCulloch Hugh	" 18	Transportation of Bullion from Denver
462	McKee D.	" 21	Are Supplied with the best coal at present
463	Post Master Clay N.Y.	" 22	No premium on 1868 cents
464	McCulloch Hugh	" 23	Draft for $1000. not yet arrived
472	" " "	" 27	Examination of Treasurers accts
475	" " "	" "	" " " "
476	" " "	" "	Letter of G.F. Dunning Supt
478	Mayhew Jno N.J.	" 28	No premium on cents of any year
485	McCulloch Hugh	" 31	Issue Draft in favor of Treas U.S. Mint

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220	Nelson Wm	" 25	Assay of Ores
279	Nat Mechanics Bk Balt	Apr 8	Redemption of pennies
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253	Osgood W. L.	1867 March. 21	Assays of Ore

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49	Phelps & Tracy	" 19	Returning draft to be made "payable to Wm M."
57	Probst. Fredk & Co.	" 20	In reference to Steel Rolls – Report on same
87	Perry. Arthur L.	Nov. 14	Alloy & Weight of small Coin
100	Packer – E. A.	" 21	Order for delivery of Sweeps
101	" " "	" 21	Notifying them that order has been sent to Balbach & Deffenbach for delivery of sweeps.
108	" " "	" 24 1867	Enclosing Check for $281.$\frac{58}{100}$
223	Page Harlan W	Feby 28	" Coin circular
272	Potter C. H.	Apl. 6	" " "
300	Pittman Edward	" 18	In reference to gold deposit
361	Pardee Markel & Grier	" 29	Acknowledging order for small Coin & advising prompt attention
474	Preston. D. & Co	May 27	No Premium of 1858 cents
479	Paten G. W.	" 28	Reference to deposit
483	Pratt. J. H	" 30	Enclosing 2 proof 5ct pieces

84	Randall P. A.	Nov. 12th	Proof sets.
142	Raynor H. M.	Dec 27	Platinum
146	" " "	" 31	" Apparatus
159	Richardson Al. D.	1867 Jany 9th	Enclosing Statement of Gold receipts from June 30 to Nov. 30. 1866 – Annual Report &c
160	Raynor H. M.	" 10	Enclosing Copy of Report of Assayer on Platinum Apparatus
167	" " "	" 15	Platinum apparatus – order for
201	Righter Jane F.	Feby 5	Rctg. check for $677.00/100
212	Randall P. A.	" 18	In reference to dies
252	Rogers Jason	Mch. 20	Premium on pennies
295	Robbins C.	Apl 15	In reference to price of Nickel
314	Robinson H. W.	" 22	In reference to rays on 5¢ piece
462	Robbins C	May 10	Enclosing Assayers Report on Nickel
408	" "	" 11	Reference to Drft. for Nahant bo. for 32.04
431	" "	" 14	Reference to Proposals for Nickel
441	Raynor H. M.	" 17	Pass for the assay apparatus
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463	Reed & Barton	" 22	Receipt of Chk for $100. for Nickel coin

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28	Swain Robt B.	" 12	Bid for acids
33	Squires Wm	" 12	
36	Swain Robt. B.	" 15	Assay Coins – receipt of
66	" " "	" 29	Telegram – Draft for $94.270.63 sent sept 29th
67	" " "	" 29	Reports for Aug. 1866 – receipt of
68	" " "	" 29	Count and Ex. for Sept. 1866 – receipt of
74	" " "	Nov. 5	Assay Coins for Sept – rcpt. of
77	Saint W. M.	" 9	Silver purchases
82	Swain Robt. B.	" 10	Forwarding working dies for 1867
109	" " "	" 27	Sale of Sweeps
129	" " "	Dec. 11	Reports for October
135	" " "	" 21	Assay Coins for Oct – receipt of
156	" " "	1867 Jany 8	Enclosing duplicate sets of gold assay weights
161	Spaulding D. D.	" 11	Analysis of ore
164	Swain Robt. B.	" 12	Assay Coins for Nov. – rcpt. of
171	Shoemaker H. B.	" 18	Redemption of pennies &c.
173	Sawyer N. P.	" 18	Enclosing $30 draft for advertising
179	Swain Robt. B.	" 21	Reports for Nov. 1866
180	Shoemaker R. B.	" 21	Enclosing coin circular
205	Swain Robt. B.	Feby. 13	Reports for Nov. and Dec. 1866.
206	Slater S. and Sons	" 13	In reference to a draft for 5ct coin
207	Steinau A.	" 13	Returning draft
210	Sinsheimer, Black, and Campen	" 15	Premium on pennies
221	Swain Robt. B.	" 25	Reporting Annual Assay for 1866
224	Sprinkle P. B.	Mch. 1	Assay of ore
227	Swain Robt. B.	" 1	Rcpt. of Reports for Dec. 1866 – Jan. 1867
229	" " "	" 1	Enclosing bill of Muzzy and Monroe for articles furnished Br. Mt.
273	Snowden A. L.	" "	Wages for working days only

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243	Swain Robt. B.	" 9	Enclosing bill of Jos. Dixon & Co. &c.
244	Small A. D.	" 11	First Coinage &c.
248	Swain Robt. B.	" 16	In reference to paymt of draft. (sweep proceeds)
249	" " "	" 16	Acknowledging receipt of letter of 16th ult. relating to annual settlement 1866. Assay Coins for Dec. 1866, and Jany 1867 - rcpt of.
260	Sargent Ignatius.	" 30	Abrasion of coins
271	Swain. Robt. B.	Apl. 5	Acknowledging recpt. of reports for Jany 1867 " " " Statement of sweeps &c.
275	" " "	" 6	Paymt. of draft $7716.00 (sweep proceeds)
276	Spinner F. E. (Treas. U.S.)	" 5	Enclosing report of Assayer U.S. mint, in relation to silver bullion rec'd from Treas.
278	Swain Robt. B.	" 8	Acknowledging rcpt. of reports for Feby. 1867
283	Spinner F. E.	" 9	Retg. Statement rec'd in his letter of 6th inst. in relation to silver bullion
291	Simpson Geo. B.	" 11	In reference to wastage
301	Swain Robt. B. (Telegram)	" 18	His order for crucibles of July 23d 1866, shipped by Str. M. E. Packer. Other articles not yet shipped
303	Swain Robt. B.	" 19	Acknowledging recpt of assay Coins for February 1867
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445	Sims Nelson A.	" 18.	No Specimen Coins at the Mint
455	Skinner F E.	" 20	Reference to the Copper & Nickel cent
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467	Stouffer J. A	" 23	Return Dft for Correction
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151	Turnley P. T.	1867 Jany 22	Gold – asking charges for coinage
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192	Thompson E. B.	Febry. 1	Statement of gold & silver coins
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335	Tifft Wm J.	" 25	No Redemption of, or Premium on Cents
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401	Van Wart & McCoy	May 10	Enclosing Assayers Report on Nickel
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424	Van Wart McCoy & Co	" 15	About two cases Nickel
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U. S. Mint
Phila Oct 1st 1866

Hon
Hugh McCulloch
Secy of the Treasy
Sir

Pursuant to law and the regulations of the Dept I made an examination at the close of business on Saturday the 29th ult. of the books, accounts, & monies on hand in the office of the Asst Treasr of the U. S. at Philada and found a balance $12.066.29 which corresponds with his statement of accou[illegible]

In the [illegible] for [illegible] foregoing the following was [illegible] ented as Cash Vz Cificate of Ind Loan $3.169.12 36/100

Very Resy
(Signed) Jas Pollock
Director

U. S. Mint
Philada Oct 1st 1860

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of the Treasy

Sir

The usual monthly count & examination made at the close of business on Saturday 29th ult. exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasr of the Mint.

In Gold	$111.845.
" Silver	35.506.79
Ordinary a/c	45.255.27
Cent.	141.223.08
Dr Mint San Francisco	7.503.92
" " Denver	905.75
	$342.239.81

Corresponding with the balance as stated on that officers books of account. Examination was at the same time made into the general condition & working of the Mint and it was ascertained that the business of the Institution was conducted in a careful & satisfactory manner.

Very Resp'y
Jas Pollock Director

Mint of the U.S.
Phila Oct 1st 1866

Gen'l Hugh [illegible]

Your letter of the 22d Sept in relation to supplying this institution with nickel has been received

In reply I have to say that we have a large supply of nickel on hand, sufficient to last [illegible] several months, but will file your letter for future action

Very Respy
Signed William Millward
Director

To
Vanhoven & McCoy
New York

U.S. Mint
Phila Oct 1st 1868

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy

Sir

Enclosed I have the
honor of forwarding to you the
monthly assay & coinage operations of
the Branch Mint San Francisco
for the month of August 1868

Very Respy
Signed William Millward
Director

Phila Oct 2d 1866

Robt E Swain Esq
Supt Br Mint
San Francisco

Sir

Your letter of Sept 8th enclosing your annual estimate of the appropriation necessary for the support of your Branch for the fiscal year ending June 30 1868, has been received & meets with my approval.

It will be forwarded to Washington in the usual time & manner

Very Respy
Your Obt
William Millward
Director

Mint of the U.S.
Philada Oct 3 '66

Sir

Yours of the 2d received, and in reply would say that I can only receive bids for the whole amount of the sweeps.

I will authorize Mess E. A. Packer & Co to allow you to draw samples in a moderate quantity for the purpose of making an assay. 1868 has been received & meets with my approval. Very Respy

Mr Dodge Esq
Cabinet Dr in
Manhattan New York

Signed. John Millward
Director

Very Respy
Jeam Millward
Director

Mint of the U.S.
Phila Oct 3 '66

Gent

You will allow parties to draw samples in moderate quantities from the sweeps in your hand for the purpose of making assays

Very Resp
Mess E A Packer & Co Signed Wm Millward
11 Broadway Director
New York

October 3d 6

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith Requisition of the Supt. of the Assay Office New York for the sum of thirty thousand Dolls ($30.000) an- with my approval and request that you will give it your early attention.

Very respectfully
"Signed" William Millward
Director

To
Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secretary U. S. Treasy.

Mint of the U.S.
Philada. Oct. 3d 1866

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 2d inst, enclosing Requisition for thirty thousand dollars. ($30.000) for the support of your Branch for the fiscal year 1866, and have forwarded same to the Secty. of the Treasury with my approval.

Very respectfully

"Signed" Wm Millward

Director

Geo. F. Dunning Esq.
Asst. Assay Office
Secretary U.S. New York.

having resigned have in
pursuance of the 3d section of the act of
1837 Entitled an act supplementary to
the act establishing a Mint &c. appointed
Arthur Thacher Jr late

Oct 5 6

Sir

A bag of gold with the name of Ed Carueth was received at this place on the 6th of August. It had not the residence of the owner & therefore was held untill he made application

If you will now say what you wish done with the coin, it will be attended to.

Very Resp.

To

Edwin Carueth Z Wm Millward

Shullsburg Z Director

Lafayette Co Z per A Thacher Jr

Wis Z Chief Clerk

Oct 5 6

Sir

Yours of 28th ult rec^d
the Coin will be shipped
to day as per direction

to Very Resp^y
Erdman Heinrich 3 Com Millward
Pres. Mo Director
3 per A Thacher Jr
Edwin Carueth 3 Chief Clerk Land
Shullsburg
Lafayette Co. 3 A Thacher Jr
Wis 3 Chief Clerk

Oct 6th 6

Sir.

Yrs 3d inst recd. In reply would say, that, on the 14th of Sept a letter was recd from you enclosing $400 for 1.2.3.&5. ¢ pieces. Your name was entered on the books of the U S Mint for the amt, but, the demand is so great that it would be about four weeks before your name could be reached in its regular order.

Yrs Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clk

To
R S Fi[illegible] Esq
Cashr
1st Nat Bk
Uni[illegible] City
Ind

Oct 8 6

I

Yrs — date rec — I
ept would say — If the
ore is shipped freight
prepaid an ocular in-
-spection, which may be
sufficient, will cost
nothing — A critical
anal[illegible] will cost
five Dollars ($5) —

Very Respy
Wm. Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clk

6
Mr J Ogden
Johnston
Harrison
Not Va

Oct 8 6

Sir

Your favor of the 25th ult.
was duly received, also the specimens
of [illegible] shipped by the [illegible] Express
Co. I herewith enclose the
[illegible]
[illegible]
to the same. If you conclude
to [illegible] [illegible]
of the [illegible] [illegible]
me. [illegible]

To
Prof Jas. B. Blaney
Rush Med. College
Chicago. Ill.

Oct 8 6

Oct 8 6

Sir.

Your of 4th inst rec'd with two samples of Oil. I herewith enclose the report of J R Eckfeld in reference to same

nothing for Coinage less

To Very Respy

Mahlon Bower } Wm C Hillward

Dewart. } Director

Pa } per A Thacher

Edward Rice } Chief Clk

Carl Adam J C per A Thacher

Balt Md } Chief Clk

Oct 8 6

Sir

I return you this day by Adams & Co's Express the box of silver. We receive nothing for Coinage less than One hundred Dolls ($100)

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk

Edward Price
Care Adams & Co
Balto Md

Mr Howith
108 Seymour St
Syracuse N.Y.

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk

Oct 6

Dear Mr C

Yours 5th inst rec'd - In reply would say - Chemically pure gold is very seldom found out of the Mint - The intrinsic value is $20.67 per ounce Troy.

The charges on pure gold deposited at the Mint are ½ per cent for Coinage, and ½ per cent Tax -

Deposits are usually paid on the third day after they are made.

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
G. C. Howeth
108 Seymour St.
Syracuse N.Y.

Oct 10 C

Excelsior Mfg Co. Yours of the 6th inst recd & in reply would say, there is no record of having received $50 from you on the books of the Mint. Did you send a check for the Amt or money? Have you an acknowledgement of the receipt of the same? If so what is the date of it?

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

J. C 12 6

Oct 11 6

Sir

The Mint does not exchange one kind of U S Silver coin for another.

The Mint purchases U S Silver Coins issued prior to 1853, defaced Coins issued since, & foreign Coins after their value has been ascertained by Mint assay, at the rate of 122 1/2 cents per ounce Troy, of standard fineness 9/10ths, or receives the same on deposit for coinage into whole dollars at a charge of 1/2 per cent for coinage. There is also on all deposits at the Mint 1/2 per cent tax.

To
K A Darling Esq
Cashr
Fond du Lac
Wis

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per Athacher Jr
Chief Clk

Oc 12 6

J.

Your of the 17th ult° received & contents noted.

In reply would say that the contract formed for the supply of acids for your Branch at the prices mentioned, I consider very favorable, and meets with my approval.

Very Resp'y

W. [illegible]

Director

To
Robt B Swain Esq
Supt
U S Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Oct 1926

I [illegible]

[illegible] for 5 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] that we cannot supply you with 1 & 2 [illegible] form a [illegible] sooner than we could the 5 ¢.

Yours Respy

Wm Millward
Director

Per [illegible] Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

Wm Pathmes
Cash

Chahanoy
Pa

Oct 12 6

I

Yours of the 11th inst received. In reply would say that the pennies mentioned, are worth one cent a piece only, and of no value as curiosities except those struck in 1856.

To
M. Hilbron
116 Ave C
New York City

Very Resp
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

Oct 15 66

Sir.

I have this day received, per Express, a box said to contain $66860 Assay Coins of your Branch for the month of August 1866

Very Respy
Wm Hillyard
Director
per Athache Jr.
Chief Clerk

To
Robt B Swain Esq
Supt
U S Branch Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Oct 15 6

Oct 15 6

Sir

I return you herewith duplicate Certificates of Deposit, for $500 on account of Internal Revenue received in your favor of the 11th inst.

Please send me a check on this city or N.Y. for the amount, and your order shall have attention. If I receive these certificates I know of no way by which I can reimburse myself

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Cheif Clerk

To
P C Carling Esq
Cashr
2d Nat Bk
Scranton Pa

Oct 15. 6

Sir

Your order for 1434 Coin has been reached & will be shipped this day

Jamieson Esq Very Respy
Cash Wm Millward
Nat R.B. per Director
Batavia per A Thacker Jr
Chief Clerk

Oct 15 6

Gen'l

Your order for 3 & 4 ¢ Coin was filled & shipped on the 12th inst.

To
Mess McKenney
& Ingersoll
Marengo
Ill

Very Respy
Wm Hillward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

J.

Oct 15 6

I have received from the Treasury Department, Washington City, a letter addressed by you to the Dept and which has been referred to me for an opinion, asking for the appointment of an additional Clerk at the Branch Mint - Denver City.

In order that I may form an intelligent opinion on the subject I request you to have prepared the name & official position (if any) of each of the present Officers, Clerks, and other employees of the Branch Mint, above the grade of Workmen indicating the several duties they perform, and their rate of compensation. Further the amount of coinage executed at the Branch Mint for the present fiscal year, and the total value of the deposits made in the past year -

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To
Geo W Lane Esq
Supt
U S Branch Mint
Denver
Col

Very Respectfully
Dec 15
William Millward
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk

Yo the
-sing a letter from Geo W Lane
Supt Br Mint at Denver nom-
-inating Chas Y McClure as as-
-sistant in the Assay Dept
of that Branch has been received
I have addressed a letter
to Mr Lane on the subject, and
when I receive his reply, your
request shall have immediate
attention

Very Respy
Yr Obt Svt
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk

To
Hon Wm E Chandler
Asst Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Oct 15 6

Sir-

Yours of the 10th inst enclosing a letter from Geo. D. Lane Supt Br Mint at Denver nominating Chas Y McClure as assistant in the Assay Dept of that Branch has been received

I have addressed a letter to Mr Lane on the subject, and when I receive his reply, your request shall have immediate attention

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
Tom Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
Hon Wm Randolph
Asst Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Oct 15 6

Sir-

Yours of the 13th inst received & contents noted. In reply would say, that on account of the great demand for the small coin, I have decided that all applicants shall have the same facilities afforded them for procuring it.

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
Jos M Orvis Esq
Prest
9th Nat Bk
New York City

October 16th 1866

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

George F. Dunning Esq.

Secretary U.S. Treasury

Supt. Assay Office New York

Sir

I have to request that you will furnish me at your earliest convenience, the Annual Estimate of Appropriation for the support of your Dept. for the Fiscal year ending June 30th 1868.

Very respectfully

Director

Philada. October 16th 1866

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U.S. Treasury

Sir

Enclosed please find Requisition of Supt. Br. Mt. Cheney for Seven Thousand, Seven hundred and fifty (7750) Dollars for fourth Quarter 1866, with my approval, and request that it may receive early attention.

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Director

October 16th 6

George W. Lane Esq.

October 17th 6

Supt. Br. Mint Denver
Excelsior Manuf. Co.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst enclosing Requisition for $7.750 to meet the expenses of your Branch for the Quarter 1866.

The same has been approved and forwarded to the Secty. of the Treasury, this date.

Very respectfully

Director

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Director

A. Thacher Jr.

Chief Clerk

October 17th 6

Excelsior Manuf. Co.

Yours of the 13th ult. enclosing copy of letter of July 11th, rec'd this date. In reply, would say, that there is no record of having received $50 from you, on the books of the Mint.

Mr. Thompson, Agent for Adams Express Co, has also notified me, that he has no entry on his books, corresponding with your order.

Very respectfully
Wm. Millward
Director

To
C. Cullum Esq.
P.M. Meadville

A. Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk.

Oct. 17th 1

Sir

Yours of the 16th inst. received. The order for $50 in cent coin, was filled, and forwarded to your address per Adams Express Co, on the 18th inst.

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Director

A Hacker Jr

Chief Clerk.

To

C. Cullum Esq.

P.M. Meadville

Pa.

October 19th 1

Gents.

Enclosed please find draft on 4th nat. Bank N.Y. # 2434. $150, which I return to you to be made payable to order of: "William Millward, Director U.S. Mint," vice James Pollock, resigned.

Yours respectfully
Wm. Millward
Director

Chief Clerk

To
Messrs. Phelps & Dunn
Elmwood. Ills.

Oct 19th 6

Wm. Kip
Supt U. S. Ex. Co.

Sir:—

Upon a perusal of the correspondence between the Hon Jas Pollock (late Director of the Mint) and the U. S. Ex. Co: the Director finds that it has failed to elicit from U. S. Ex. Co: a direct, unequivocal answer the following questions:

First; The nett charge per $1000 for which the U. S. Ex. Co: will transport bullion from Topeka, Omaha and Fort Riley respectively, or from any other point at which the U. S. Ex. receives treasure from the Holladay Overland Ex Co. St. Louis, Mo: payable in coin?

Second; The distances in miles between the abovementioned points respectively over the route, or routes of the U. S. Ex. Co?

An early answer to these questions is respectfully solicited.

Very Resp'y
William [illegible]
per A Thacher [illegible]

October 20th 6

Gents.

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been recd.

I have sent you by to day's mail a full report on the subject alluded to in your letter together with a diagram of the Rolls now in use in the Mint.

Should you desire any further information, I shall be happy to aid you in obtaining it.

Very respectfully
Wm. Millward
Director

A. Thacher Jr.
Chief Clerk

Fredk. Probst & Co.
New York.

October 20th 6.

Sir.

I return you herewith triplicate Certificates of Deposit for $500, received in your favor of the 18th inst. Please send me a check on this city or New York for the amount, and your order shall receive attention. If I receive these certificates, I know of no way by which I can remove myself pay to dig deeper.

Very respectfully
Wm. H. Millard
Director
Chief Clerk

To
A. H. Thomlison
Enon Valley
Cashier
Lawrence Co.
1st Natl. Bank
Fremont O.
Penna.

Oct. 22nd 6

Sir

Your letter enclosing mineral specimen, has been received.

The specimen is "decomposed rock with particles of mica, and may be found on every road side." It is of no valul, and would therefore not pay to dig deeper.

Very respectfully

Wm. Mullvaid

Chief Clerk.

To

M. F. Harlisen

Enon Valley

Lawrence Co.

Penna.

October 22d 6

Geo. F. Dunning Esq.

Supt. Assay Office N.Y.

Oct. 23d 6.

Sir

Mrs. Louise Carter

October 13th, I sent you a letter requesting that the Annual Estimate of Appropriation for the support of your Office for the Fiscal year ending June 30th 1867 might be furnished me at your earliest convenience. As yet, I have received no answer. This delay on your part, causes me delay in sending those already furnished by the Br. Mts, at San Francisco, Denver &c, and places me in a bad position with the Dept. at Washington — they having twice notified me that these Estimates are due.

I would now ask that there be no further postponement of the matter, but that your Estimates, may be forwarded at once, so that I can transmit all to the Dept.

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Director

p.

A. Tacher Jr.

Chief Clerk

Oct. 23d 6.

Mrs. Louise Carter

Norristown Pa.

Your letter asking for information, relative to a position in the Female Dept. of the Mint has been received.

In reply would say that there are no vacancies existing in that Department, and that no changes will be made at present.

Yours, very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Director

per A. Macher Jr.

Chief Clerk

October 23d 6

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to request that the Collector of the Port of New York be instructed to admit free of duty, the following, shipped for the use of U. S. Mint.

Four (4) Cases Nickel, marked "R. Haydock U. S. Mint" Nos. 43 to 46 - per S. S. "Scotland," Bill of Lading dated Jany. 25th 1866.

Four (4) marked "J. W." Nos. 1 to 4 - per S. S. "Erin," Feby 19th 1866

Four (4) " "J. W." Nos. 5 to 8 " "Brazilian" May 5th/66.

Very respectfully

W. Millward

Chief Clerk Director

To

H. L. Weaver Esq.

Cashier Bank of Indiana

Oct. 24th 6

Sir

Your letter of the 28th inst. making your favor of the 20th inst. enclosing draft for 150. the proceeds of which you desired sent to you in U.S. Dollars of 1866, has been received.

We do not have Silver Dollars for sale in the Mint. You can, if you desire to have them coined, send us old Mexican or American Dollars, to be melted, made into the coinage of this year's issue. Otherwise we can do nothing for you.

We therefore return your Draft, as we cannot comply with your order.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Millward

Director

Chief Clerk.

To Jno. T. Ulrich Esq.

To H. L. Weaver Esq.

Cashier. Bank of Indiana.

Oct 25th 6

(copy)

October 25th 6

Sir,

Sir, I have read the suggestions contained in the letter of Mr J. J. Knox addressed to the Supt. & Treasurer of the Branch Mint at San Francisco. They are the rules which govern this Institution, allow me to say that there are no prospects whatever, as there will be no more appointments made at present, or applications received.

Your letter of the 23d inst, asking for information, as to your prospects of obtaining a position in this Dept, has been received.

The system of receipts referred to was inaugurated here in the month of July last and I have found it work satisfactorily of no service in this Institution.

Your knowledge of the Varying King internal workings &c, would be of no service in this Institution.

Very respectfully
Wm. [illegible] Hillward
Jr Off Svt
Director
per A. [illegible] Hillward
Chief Director

Hon
Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treas'y
Washington
D.C.

To
Jno. T. Ulrich Esq.

Oct 25th 6

(copy)

Sir,

I have read the suggestions contained in the letter of Mr J. J. Knox addressed to the Supt & Treasurer of the Branch Mint at San Francisco. They are the rules which govern this Institution and I approve of having them carried out by all the Branch Mints.

The system of receipts referred to was inaugurated here in the month of July last and I have found it work satisfactorily

Very Respectfy
Yr Obt Srvt
Wm Millward
Director

Hon
Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Oct 25th [illegible] 6

Gentlemen:

In your letter of 1st inst containing your offer of 100000 lbs of Detroit smelted ingot copper at 31¼¢ per lb, it was not stated whether that offer covered the cost of [illegible]. The Director now invites proposals for [illegible] (fifty-thousand) pounds of Detroit smelted [illegible] copper to be delivered at the Mint [illegible] quantities as may be desired free of [illegible]

Yours &c.

[illegible] Hyde
Director
A Thacher
Chief Clerk

[illegible]drick's Brother
New

October 26th 6

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secretary U. S. Treasury
Sir

I received from Supt Br. Mt.
San Francisco this morning a telegram, asking if a draft has
been sent, in favor of a Requisition for $60.000. for the supplies
of that Branch for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th 1867,
forwarded by the Director of the Mint, on the 30th of
August last.

Has the draft been forwarded?

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
Wm Millward
Director

October 27th 1

Messrs. Balbach & Dieffenbach

Newark N.J.

October 27th 6.

Gents,

Your offer of 50cts per lb. to smelt the 156 lbs. 1 Keg. Br. Mt. Sweeps. has been accepted.

The following is the statement of value, and shows the amount to be paid by you in gold coin &c.

Total value of Gold & Silver as per Cal. Assay	$10972.97
Cost of Smelting	3256.90
Net value	$7716.07

Please forward to my address this sum $7716.07, in gold coin, as heretofore, and I will send you an order on our agents in New York for the delivery of the sweeps to you.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt Servt.

Director

October 27th 6.

Sir

Yours of the 25th inst. at hand. In reply would say, that the Dimes and Half Dimes are not receivable at the Mint, except such as are defaced, or coined prior to 1853.

The Sovereigns are receivable, at the following values. viz:

Average Value of New Sovereign $4.81 5/10

" " Old 4.80 3/10

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm Millward
Director

Wm Altacher Jr
Chief Clerk

Ed. Cohen Esq.
Chas Morton
Dundee. Ka. Co.
Ills.

A Altacher Jr
Chief Clerk

October 27th 6

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst, notifying us that you had forwarded that date, gold dust to the amount of $1500 or $1600, has been received, but as yet the gold dust has not arrived at this Institution.

Sufficient time has elapsed, since the 9th inst, for the delivery of your deposit- you had better therefore see the Express Agents, and find out the cause of the Non-delivery

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
A Drake Jr
Chief Clerk.

Chas Morton
Saundrs. Ka. A.
Ills.

October 29th 6.

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Robt. B. Supt. Bd. Mt. San Francisco

Supt. Bd. Mt. San Fran.

Sir

Sir I am in receipt of your favor of the 3d inst. enclosing the following Reports for the month of August 1861.

1st List of Unpaid Warrants.

2d Condition of Branch at the close of the Month.

3d Certificate of the transfer of the Parting charge.

4th Statement of Localities &c.

5th Statement of Deposits & Coinage.

I am also in receipt of your telegram of October 25th, a reply to which, I have sent you this date. No draft was sent in favor of the extra Requisition for $60.000, made at your request by James Pollock, on the 20th of August, but your Requisition for $94.270.63, for 3d Q. ending Dec. 31st 1861 has been filled by warrant, as I have already notified you.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

W. Millward

Director

October 29th 6

Robt. B. Irwin Esq.

Supt. Bn. Mt. San Francisco.

Sir

Your favor of the 4th inst. enclosing Monthly Count and Examination for September 1866, has been received, and the same forwarded to the Dept. at Washington.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Wm. Millwar

Director

October 29th 6

Wm. Hugh McCulloch
Jos. Wharton Esq.
Secretary U.S. Treasury

Sir

Permission has been granted by the Secretary of the Treasury to admit free of duty Twelve (12) Cases Nickel, shipped for use of U.S. Mint. The Collector of the Port of New York has been instructed accordingly.

Please have the Nickel sent here as soon as possible.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm. Millwart
Director

Br. Mt. Denver
San Francisco

Wm. Millwart
Chief Clerk

corresponding with the balance as stated on that Officers books of account.

Examination was at the same time made into the general condition and working of the Mint, and it was ascertained that the business of the Institution was conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm. Millwart
Director

November 1st 6
October 31st 6

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Jos. Wharton Esq.
Secretary U.S. Treasury

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Very respectfully
Wm. Millwarth
Chief Clerk

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Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. Millwarth
Director

November 1st 6

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

The usual monthly Count and Examinication made at the close of business yesterday the 31st ult. exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, viz.

In Gold	$ 105. 342. 50
" Silver	39. 587. 13
Cent a/c	191. 944. 17
Ordinary "	29. 690. 25
Br. Mt. Denver	905. 75
" " San Francisco	7. 503. 92
Total-	375. 976. 72

corresponding with the balance as stated on that Office's books of account.

Examination was at the same time made into the general condition and working of the Mint, and it was ascertained that the business of the Institution was conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

Director

November 1st 6.

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

Pursuant to law and the regulations of the Department, I made examination at the close of business yesterday the 31st ult. of the accounts and monies on hand in the Offices of the U.S. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, and found a balance of $11.214.596.28, which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

In the foregoing, the following was omitted as cash, viz,

Certificates of Temporary Loan $4.275.930.22.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt

Wm Millward

Director

Nov. 2d 6

Robt. B. Irvain Esq.
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco.
Secretary U. S. Treasy

Sir

Sir

I am in receipt
Enclosed please
of your favor of the 9th ult. informing me of the shipment of
find Requisition of Supt. Br. Mint San Francisco,
Assay Coins for the month of September 1866. The coins
received by mail yesterday, from your Dept. which
have been received at the Mint this date.
I return with my approval.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
Your Obdt Servt.
Wm Millward
Director
Director
Chief Clerk

Sacramento 5th Oct 6

Robt B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco.

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of the 2d ult. informing me of the shipment of Assay Coins for the month of September last. The coins have been received at the Mint this date.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt Servt

Wm Millard

Coiner

Chief Clerk

November 7th 1.

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I herewith enclose letter addressed to me, by Prof. Jas. C. Booth, Metler and Refiner of this Institution, in relation to an Assistant.

I was informed by the Hon. Samuel Randall that on my application I would receive authority from you to make the appointment. In the event of Mr. Booth being unable to attend to the duties of his position, by sickness or other causes, there would be no one to fill his place.

I therefore name Mr. John D. Taylor for the position of an Assistant to the Metler and Refiner, at a salary of $6.00 per diem which is the same that was given to the Assistant to the Chief Coiner. I respectfully ask your approval of the same.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

H. Millward

Dir.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 3d inst. in reference to the retention of Mrs. Maria Bryant, as an employee in this Institution, has been received.

In reply, would say, that she shall not be removed.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
J. Millwood
Director

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 7th inst. received.

The Mint can only furnish your [illegible] and quarters in return for silver bullion [illegible] here at the Mint.

Silver bullion consists of the following [illegible] coins &c.

Foreign coin, U.S. coin issued prior to 1868, defaced coin issued since — plate &c.

The bullion is received, ~~melted, assayed~~ reduced by calculation to standard weight 9/10 fine, and 122 1/2 cents per ounce paid for it, less a U.S. Tax of 1/2 of one per cent.

Very respectfully &c.
Wm. Millwood
Chief Clerk.

To
T. C. Zulick
Schuylkill Haven
Penna.

November 6.

Sir

Your favor of the 7th inst received.

The Mint can only furnish you silver halves, and quarters in return for silver bullion deposited here at the Mint.

Silver bullion consists of the following silver coins &c.

Foreign coin, U. S. Coin issued prior to 1853, defaced coin issued since - plate &c.

The bullion is received, melted, assayed, reduced by calculation to standard weight 9/10 fine, and 122 1/2 cents per ounce paid for it, less a U. S. Tax of 1/2 of one per cent.

Very respectfully &c.

Wm Millwood

per A. Thacher Chief Clerk

Chief Clerk.

To

W. M. Saint Esq.

Rixburg Ill.

Nov 9th 6.

November 9th 6

Sir

Yours of the 5th inst at hand.

The coins mentioned in your letter, are not of much value as curiosities. We have them all in the Cabinet of Coins.

The French Crown is not worth more than its specie value, say $1.15.

The half dollar of 1808 sells for about 1.25 currency at auction: 1819 [illegible] cents.

We know of no parties desiring to purchase coins.

Very respectfully

Wm Millward

Director

Chief Clerk

To

Jas. W. English Esq.

Carrolton. Greene Co.

Ills.

Nov. 9th 6.

Sir

The samples enclosed in your letter of the 5th inst, are simply, decomposed micaceous rock, free from precious metals, and of no value.

Very respectfully

Wm Millward

Director

Chief Clerk

To

A. L. Copeland Esq

Parnassus

Westmoreland Co.

Va.

November 9th 6.

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

Sir

I have the honor to request that the balance due the Maint 4th to September 30th 1866, on account of appropriation for fiscal year 1866-67, may be remitted to me at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

Your obt servt

W. Millward

Director

Very respectfully

W. Millward

Chief Clerk.

Frank W. Tracy Esq.

Cash 4th Nat. Bank,

Springfield Mass.

November 1st

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Nov. 9th 6

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst. inst. have this day forwarded to you per Wm. Ferry & Co. Express, one box of 6 pr. 6 lbs, two bags of gold dust, paid to contain 267 ozs. has been received.

The gold dust was received at the Mint this date, and weighs only 267.55 ounces.

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Chief Clerk.

To

Frank W. Tracy Esq.

Cash'r 1st Nat. Bank,

Springfield Ills.

November 1st 1867

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Pac. Mail. San Francisco

Sir

I have this day forwarded to you per Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, one box of working dies for your Branch for the year 1867.

Enclosed please find list as furnished by our Engraver, also Express Co's receipt for same.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

W. Richards

Director

November 6th

Sir

I herewith return 2nd Nat. Bank Dup. of Elyria on New York City for Ten Dollars ($10 00) received in yours date of the 1st inst.

We have no silver proof sets of this year, nor will any more be struck; some gold proof sets of 1866, are yet on hand, and U. S. Gold bearing interest Bond Coupons will be received at par, in payment for same. They should be endorsed to the "order of Wm Millward, Director U. S. Mint"

The five silver proof dollars of 1866, and other coin of same date to the amount of two to nine hundred dollars, cannot be furnished you.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Serv.
Wm Millward
Director

To
D. P. Randall Esq.
Fort Wayne, Ind.

To
Aaron Ely Esq.
Elyria
Ohio

November 12th

Nov. 12th

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

In answer to your of the [illegible] I have to say that there are no proof sets of any of the years mentioned, excepting 1862. Those are silver, consisting of the dollar, half dollar, quarter dollar, dime &c, and can be purchased for three dollars ($3) per sett in silver coin.

Silver coinage of the U. S. prior to 1860, cannot be purchased at the Mint.

Very respectfully

Wm Millward

Director

per

Chief Clerk

To

F. P. Randall Esq.

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Requisition of U. S. Assay Office, New York for [illegible] with my approval and request that it may receive [illegible] attention.

November 14th 6

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

I herewith enclose Requisition of U. S. Assay Office, New York for $5.000, with my approval, and request that it may receive early attention.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

Wm Millward

Director

Nov. 14. 6

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed William H Patterson (son of Genl Robt Patterson of this city) as Assistant to the Chief Coiner in place of Isaac McBride resigned. Said appointment to date Nov 8th 1866.

Your approval of the same is most respectfully solicited

Very Resp'y
Yr Obt Sty
Mmillward
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 10th 6

Sir

In answer to yours of the 12th inst. would state that the one and two cent pieces are composed of a bronze alloy, 98 parts copper, 3 tin, 2 zinc, per 100. The cent weighs 48 grains; the 2 cent 96 grains or 4 dwts, or 1/5 troy ounce.

The three 3 cent pieces are composed of 25 parts nickel with 75 parts copper. The 3 cent weighs practically 32 grains; the law provides for 30, with an allowed deviation of 4, which is partly taken advantage of, because 30 makes the coin rather too thin. The 5 cent weighs 5 grammes or 77.16 grains.

The intrinsic value of all the above is uncertain, depending on the shifting price of the metals. It is of course much below the legal value. These coins are merely subsidiary, and derive their value from the Acts of Congress which legalize them.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
Chief Clerk.

To
Arthur L. Perry Esq.

Nov. 15th 6.

Sir

I return herewith Ten Dollars, ($10.00) received in your letter this morning.

We cannot accommodate you with a set of proof coins, as we have none on hand, nor will any more be struck this year.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. Kulivard
Director

per A. Shacherd
Chief Clerk

To
C. P. Gulick Esq.
U. S. Treasury N.Y.

companied by bills receipted by the parties furnishing the goods.

Sir:

Yours of the 14th inst asking to be informed as to the usual method of transacting business in relation to the payment of warrant is received.

I would say in reply that upon assuming the Directorship of this Institution my predecessor retired without giving me any information whatever relative to the mode of conducting the business of the Mint or placing me in possession of any laws or regulations governing the same.

It was the custom under the administration of the former Director to make payment on warrants to any one presenting them provided they were ac-

companied by bills receipted by the parties furnishing the goods.

When the collection of Mr Leigh's warrant by Mr McBride came to my knowledge I immediately issued an order to the disbursing officer of this Institution to make no payments except on warrants accompanied by bills, both being receipted by the parties to whom payment was due, or an authorized agent.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
Wm Ward
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
DC

Nov. 17th

Sir

The metal received in your letter of the 15th inst, is iron pyrites very common, and of no value.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director

per A. Thacher
Chf. Clerk

To
A. B. Copeland
Parnassus
Pa.

Front.

Nov 14th 66

At what price will you supply this Institution with fifty or one hundred thousand pounds of detroit smelted Copper? The same to be delivered in such quantities as may be desired free of all charges

To
Mr Pendrick
Mill Hill

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director

95

Nov 11th 66

Gent.

At what price will you supply this Institution with fifty or one hundred thousand pounds of Detroit Smelted Copper? the same to be delivered in such quantities as may be desired free of all charges

Very Respy
Wm Howard
Director

To
Messrs Endrick Bro
New York

Nov 19 66

Sir:

Yours of the 15th inst stating that the moneys due the Mint to up to Sept 30 66 have already been sent is received.

In reply I would say that a few weeks since I received a statement from your Dept giving the balances due this Institution on July 1st 1866 as follows

Salaries	$6,600.
Wages &c	31,250
Incidentals &c	1,426.75
also a Credit July 17 2 R Eckfeldt	880-
	40,356.75
add amount of Appropriation	40,125.00
for quarter ending Sept 30 '66	80,481.75
Less requisition Aug 14 '66	42,675
leaving a balance due Sept 30	$37,806.75

The books left by the former Director were in such a condition

that it was with difficulty I could ascertain anything in relation to the accounts.

If the figures I herewith transmit are correct, please forward the balance as stated: if not, I would respectfully ask that you forward the balance that will be due Dec 31st 1866

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
Wm Medcraft
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec of Treasy
Washington
D.C

Nov 21st 6

Gent.

Please find enclosed an order on Mess E A Packer & Co for one hundred & fifty six barrels & one Keg of Cal Mint Sweep.

I received this day per Adams & Co's Express Seventy seven hundred & sixteen dolls in Coin & gold notes in payment of the same.

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
Mess Balbach
& Dieffenbach & Co
Newark
N.J.

Nov 21st 5

Gent.

You will please deliver to Messrs Balbach & Oppenbach & Co one hundred & fifty six barrels and one keg of California Mint sweeps.

Messrs E A Packer & Co
111 Broadway
New York

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director

Nov 21 6

Gent.

I have this day sent to Mess Bulbach & Dieffenbach of Newark N.J. an order on you for one hundred & fifty six barrels & one Keg of Cal Mint Sweeps which please honor.

Please send me duplicate bills for the amount due you and I will forward the same.

To
Mess E A Packer & Co
New York

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thach Jr.
Chief Clerk

Nov 23 6

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for the sum of $39.700 50/100 dollars it being the amount due the U.S. Mint for the Quarter ending Sept 30 66 including the balance due on acct of Incidental & Contingent expenses as follows

Salaries	$ 243.75
Wages of Workmen	131.250
Balance Incidental & Contingent Expenses	206.75
	$39.700.50

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
Wm Elder
Director

Nov 23 6

Sir.

Please find enclosed a copy of an advertisement which I wish inserted in the "Ledger" till Dec 15th 1866.

Very Respy

Geo W Childs Esq

Wm Millward
Director

The enclosed advertisement would have been sent to you before.
Apology. Oversight

Jas. [illegible]
Wm

Geo F Dunning Esq
Supt of Assay Office
New York City

Nov 23 [illegible]

Sir:

I herewith enclose a copy of an advertisement inviting proposals to supply the U S Mint with acids and other chemicals during the year 1864.

You will please forward it to Mr Kalkfleisch and request him to answer the same if disposed. The prices [illegible] are for delivering at the Mint free of all charges.

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director

To
Chas T Dunning Esq
Supt of Assay Office
New York City

P. W. Taylor
Special Agent
Treasury Dept

24th Nov. 6

Sir:-

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of 22d inst. the receipt wherof is hereby acknowledged, a statement of the gold and Silver bullion received at this Mint between the first day of July 1859 and the first day of July 1866 from the Rocky Mountain districts, is herewith enclosed

From Kansas	gold	$ 906.486.40	
Colorado	"	5.202.509.45	$ 6.108.995.85
Idaho	"		2.732.657.35
Montana	"		3.607.588.42
			12.449.241.62
Idaho	silver		9.126.61

We have received no gold from Utah nor Silver except from Idaho

Wm. Millard
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk

P. W. Taylor
Special Agent
Treasury Dpt

Nov 26 65

Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst addressed to the Asst Secy of Treasy, in relation to a "composition of metal for small coinage" has been referred by him to me for reply.

I made a full report on the subject to the Secy of Treasy Oct 2d 1866 the substance of which was, that we were then (& are still) working alloys similar in character to that offered by you and at a less cost than named.

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
C Joseph Firth
Dansville
Livingston Co
N.Y.

Nov 24 C

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 17th ult° referring communication of Mr J H Alexander in relation to coins to be sent to the International exhibition.

I approve of the suggestion contained in said communication and upon your order will cause the coins to be struck, the amount $87 23/100 in specie I will charge temporarily to the "Medal fund" to be reimbursed on the return of the same from Paris

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
Linderman
Director

Nov 24 6

Sir:

Yours of 24th inst has been received, and in reply would say—

The Mint has never received any bars from the Br. Mint at Denver in which there was any material difference, either in fineness or weight—or that had been tampered with—The charges here on Denver Br Mint bars are ½ of one per cent for coinage & 5 cents per ounce for refining—

If you will send me your memorandum of the value of the bars you refer to, and the time the deposits were made, I will compare it with the books of the Mint and if possible discover where the discrepancy occurs—

Very Respy
Wm Millward Dir
per A Thacher Jr Chief Clerk

To Jno G. Kennedy Cash
Aurora Ills—

Nov 24

Sent

Please find enclosed check No 1687. 4th Nat Bk on 10th Nat Bk New York $281 58/100 in payment of Expenses on San Francisco Br Mint Sweeps as stated in yours of 20th inst received this day.

Very Respy
Wm Hillward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
Mess E A Packer & Co
No 111 Broadway
New York

Please acknowledge receipt

Nov 24 6

Sir:

I have this day received Twenty seven hundred & sixteen dolls ($27.716) proceeds of 156 barrels & one keg Quicksilver, which amount I hold subject to your draft payable in Coin.

I have charged your ordinary account with $867 68/100 expenses paid on same in legal tenders as follows

Freight	$586.10
Storage &c	$156.58
Commission	$125.00
	$867.68

To
Robt B Swain Esq
Supt
Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Very Respy
Your obdt
Director

Nov 30 6

Gent.

The coal you are supplying the Mint with is of an inferior quality. The daily consumption at present is nearly double what it was formerly. Unless you furnish a superior article I will have to make a change.

Very Resp'y
Wm. Millward
Director
per Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
Messrs
Timmins & Lyle

Dec 1st 6

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith the "Monthly Count and Examination" of Branch Mint, San Francisco for the month of October 1866

Very Resp'y
Yr Obt Sv't
Wm Millward
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treas'y
Washington
D C

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in a careful and satisfactory

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasy
Washington

Very Respy
Yr obt svt
Dec 1st
Director

Sir:

The usual monthly count and Examination made at the close of business yesterday Nov 30th exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, viz

Gold	120.495.62
Silver	35.838.24
Cent ac/c	255.155.20
Ordinary "	12.243.26
Br Mint Denver	6.636.24
" San Francisco	905.75
Total	$431.274.3[illegible]

corresponding with the balance as stated in that officers books of account.

Examination was at the same time made into the general condition and working of the Mint, and it was ascertained that the business was conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner

(over)

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Yr obt svt
Wm Millward
Director

Sir

Pursuant to law and the regulations of the Department, I made examination at the close of business yesterday, Nov 30th of the books, account, & monies on hand in the Offices of the Asst Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, and found a balance of $5.985.845.95 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

In the foregoing the following was counted as cash, viz
Certificates of Temporary Loan $524 304.5

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Yr obt svt
Wm Millward
Director

Dec 1st 8

Sir:

Pursuant to law and the regulations of the Department, I made examination, at the close of business yesterday, Nov 30th of the books, account, & monies on hand in the Office of the Asst Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, and found a balance of $5.985.845.95 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

In the foregoing the following was counted as cash, viz

Certificates of Temporary Loan $524 304.35

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
W. Millward
Director

1st Dec 6

Sirs:

In answer to yours of 30th ult would state that the Mint returns fine gold bars for gold dust. The charge for making bars is 6 (six) cents per $100 (one hundred dollars) and coin fifty cents per 100 (one hundred) dollars, or ½ of one per cent; other charges the same on both. Fine gold bars are returned on the fourth working day. Coin is returned on the third working day, i.e, a deposit of coin made on Monday is returned on Wednesday, and bars on Wednesday.

Very Respy

Wm Hayward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

Gilman, Son & Co
New York.

1st Dec 6

Sir

In answer to yours of the 2nd inst would state that the gold coin referred to was shipped by mistake to Cincinatti. It will be sent to Milwaukee at once by the Messrs Adams Ex. Co:

Respectfully Yours &c
Wm Millward
per Wheeler
Chief Clerk

Fredk Juras
Cor Walnut st
Milwaukee

Dec 1

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of 24th ult. referring communication of B F Stevens in relation to an engraving machine for making reduced copies of Bas reliefs.

I submitted the same to the Engraver of the Mint, and I herewith enclose his report.

I also return the Medal as per your request.

Very Respy

Wm Millward

Director

To

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secy of Treasy

Washington

D.C.

(Copy)

Mint of the United States, Engraver's Dep.t Philad.a Nov. 30.th 1866

Dear Sir

The matter referred to me, in the letter of B. F. Stevens to the Secretary of the Treasury; is one of importance to the operations of the Mint.

My attention was called to the "Reducing Machine" to which it refers, about four years ago; from specimens sent to the Mint by the inventor, C. J. Hill of London; purporting to be produced by his machine, which were so much superior to any other machine reductions I had seen, as to create some doubt with regard to the accuracy of the representations of the process by which they were produced; and I was induced to open a correspondence with an artist friend residing then in London on whose judgement I could rely, to make further inquiries: his reply satisfied me of the value of the invention but Mr. Hill would not then agree to construct and furnish the machine, preferring to keep it in his own hands, and take orders for the work produced by it. He has since however, as I have learned; parted with his interest in the invention to the Messrs. Wyon; the parties referred to in the letter before me, and who it seems, now propose to furnish the machine.

The work produced by this machine, judging from the specimens before me is so far superior to that of our present machine (which was contrived in Paris many years ago:) or any other in existence of which I have knowledge: that I consider it exceedingly desirable the Mint should possess it; if it can be obtained on fair terms, and guaranteed to produce work equal to the specimens now submitted.

It is scarcely possible to overrate the value of such a machine in relation to the work required for the coinage, provided the Mint can have the entire and absolute control of its operations, without application by the patentee.

Very Respectfully
your most Ob.t Serv.t &c.
James B. Longacre
Engraver of the Mint.

Hon. Wm. Millward
Director of the Mint

Dec. 6th 1

Sir

Yours of the 30th ult. enclosing specimen of Quartz for analysis has been received.

The quartz contains gold, and would yield three dollars per ton.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

Wm. Millward

Director

per Alfred

Chief Clerk.

To

Thos. M. Howe

Pittsburgh Pa.

Dec. 6th 6

Sir:

Your order for $50 in 5 cent corn, received and entered Nov. 2d. 1866, and will be reached in about ten days.

All communications addressed to the Director of the Mint, should be written in the English language.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
pro Attacker
Chief Clerk

To
Antoine Enzel Esq.
Buffalo. N.Y.

6th Dec 6

Sir:

Enclosed find copy of agreement between Geo W Lane Superintendent and Treasurer Branch Mint Denver (through Wm Millward Director U.S. Mint) and United States Express Compy. for transportation of bullion from said Branch Mint to St Louis, Mo; as per Statement in your letter of 22nd inst. receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, which you will please sign on behalf of U.S. Express Compy and return to U.S. Mint

Very Respectfully.
Wm Millward
Director
per Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

Henry Kiff Esq.
Buffalo
N.Y.

December 6th 6

Geo. F. Dunning Esq.

Supt. Assay Office N.Y.

Sir

I herewith return Requisition received this date, the same being overdrawn.

According to the books of the Mint, the balance to your credit on July 1st 1866, for Incidental and Contingent Expenses, as reported to me by the Dept. at Washington, was. $17.383.99

Amount of Appropriation for Fiscal year 1866-67 35.000.00

$52.383.00

Requisitions drawn -	July 2d 1866	$15.000	
	Aug. 2d "	15.000	
	Oct. 2d "	15.000	
	Nov. 14th "	5.000 -	$50.000.00
	Balance to your credit		$2.383.00

You will thus perceive that the amount asked for Incidental & Contingent Expenses, in your Requisition of Dec. 5th 1866, is $12.616.01 in excess of the balance to your credit. Please make your Requisition conform to the balance $2.383.99, and return the same for my approval.

Very respectfully

W. Millward

Director

Dec 5th 6

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir

I herewith
transmit a Statement of Deposits
and Coinage at the U. S. Mint dur-
ing the month of November 1866

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Wm Elder
Director

Dec. 7th 6.

Mess. Jos. Dixon & Co.
Jersey City N. J.

Gents.

Enclosed please find draft No. 1175. for Fourteen Hundred and Seventy Two 95/100 Dollars, duly enclosed &c, in payment for crucibles.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chief Clerk.

Dec. 8th 6.

Gents.

Your letter of the 19th ult. informing us that you had forwarded that date, a package of gold ore, has been received, but as yet the ore has not arrived at the Mint.

Sufficient time has elapsed since the 19th ult. for the delivery of your deposit; you had best therefore see the Express Agents, and find out the cause of the Non-delivery.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm. Millward
Director
per Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk.

To
M. Bruce & Co.

Dec. 8th 6

Sir

Your letter of the 19th ult. informing us, that you had forwarded that date, gold dust valued in currency at $1653 75/100, has been received, but as yet the dust has not been received at the Mint.

Sufficient time has elapsed since the 19th ult. for the delivery of your deposit: you had best therefore, see the Express Agents, and find out the cause of the non-delivery.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm. Millward
Director
per Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
David G. Haugh Esq.

December 8th 6

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 6th inst. enclosing copy of letter from Messrs Parrott & Co. & D. N. Cheesman, Treasurer Br. Mint, San Francisco, in reference to Mint Certificate No. 12014 issued to "Arnould" Aug. 25th 1855, No. 3035 issued to Jos. Baker June 25th 1855.

I have made a thorough search among the papers and correspondence of the U. S. Mint as far back as the commencement of the year 1856, but can find nothing in relation to the case of "Arnould".

The letter referred to in Parrott & Co's communication, as addressed to Mr. Snowden, Director of the Mint, dated January 7th 1858, is not on file in this Department.

In the case of Baker, I find copies of the affadavit and receipt, but the genuine affadavits are not on file.

I have no information on this subject, other than that set forth in the copies of the affadavits

and which are on file in your Office.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm. Millward
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

Sir

Enclosed please find Name Certificate filled up in accordance with request contained in your letter of 7th inst.

Very respectfully
Wm. Millward
Director
Chief Clerk

D. Chamberlain Esq.
Fond du Lac Wi.

Dec. 19th 66
December 11th 66

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. making inquiry in relation to a package of gold dust valued at [illegible], has been received, and in reply would state that the deposit was received at the Mont. Nov. 23d 1866, and the proceeds sent to Kinsley & Co's Express, [illegible] U. S. Express Co. but as there was nothing on the package as a [illegible], we did not know the instructions were intended for this deposit.

Enclosed please find Mont Certificate filled up in accordance with request contained in your letter of 7th inst.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A. Lachert
Chief Clerk

To
D. Chamberlain Esq.
Fond du Lac Wis.

To avoid all difficulty in the matter of deposits, the instructions should always be sent with the package.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A. Lachert
Chief Clerk

To
Jno. McDermett Esq.

Dec. 11th

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

December 11th 6

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. making inquiry in relation to a package of gold dust valued at $1000, has been received, and in reply would state that the deposit was received at the Mint, Nov. 23d 1866, and the proceeds sent to Kinsley & Co's Express, for w/c U. S. Express Co, but as there was nothing on the package as a guide, we did not know the instructions were intended for this deposit.

To avoid all difficulty in the matter of deposits, the instructions should always be sent with the package.

Very respectfully

Wm Millward
Director

per Atkinson
Chief Clerk.

To

Jno. McDermett Esq.

Dec. 17th 6

Robt. B. Swan Esq.

Supt. Br. Mint San Francisco

Sir

Your letter of the 17th ult received, and contents approved.

Also in receipt of Reports for October, together with Ex Co's receipt for Assay Coins for same month.

The appropriation for the fiscal year 1866-67, for the Br. Mint San Francisco, is as follows.

Salaries	$ 32.000
Wages	200.000
Incidentals	100.000

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Millward

Director

per A Thacher Jr

Chief Clerk

December 14th 1

Geo. F. Dunning Esq.
Supt. Assay Office N.Y.

I have to acknowledge
receipt of your communication of the 13th inst, enclosing Requisition
for $30.000, and to inform you that I have this day pro-
vided the same to the Department, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm Millward
Director

December 14th 1[illegible]

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

Sir I herewith enclose Requisition of Supt. Assay Office, New York, of the 1st Inst., with my approval, and request that it may receive early attention.

Very respectfully,

Your Obdt. Servt.

Wm. Millward
Director

In case the Branch Mints [illegible] Chicago are consolidated into Assay Offices, I would respectfully [illegible] that the coinage machinery of the said Branches be transferred to the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia.

As there is not sufficient room for it in the Mint premises, I will ask you for authority to pay for storage until some use for it is designated.

Very respectfully,

Your Obdt. Servt.

Wm. Millward
Director

December 19th 6

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary Us. S. Treasury

Sir

Yours of the 13th inst received.

In reply would say, the Branch Mint at Denver has never been furnished with machinery for coinage purposes.

In case the Branch Mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega are converted into Assay Offices, I would respectfully recommend that the coinage machinery of the said Branches be transferred to the Mint of the Us. S. at Philadelphia.

As there is not sufficient room for it, on the Mint premises, I will ask you for authority to pay for storage until some use for it is designated.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

[illegible]

Director

Dec. 21st 6

Dec. 21st 6.

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U.S. Treasury

Sir

In reference to my letter of yesterday, I would say that I find we can store the coinage machinery of the Branch Mints at Charlotte and Dahlonega on the premises of this Mint and thereby save the expense of storage.

Very respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Millward

Director

Dec. 21st 6

Robt. B. [illegible] Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

The Assay

[illegible] for the month of October, (shipment of which I was [illegible] in your letter of the 17th ult.) were received at the [illegible] this date.

Very respectfully

Yours Obdt. Servt.

Wm Millward Jr

Director

Dec 22d 6

Sir

The keg of ore shipment of which have rec'd notice in your letter of 17th inst has been rec'd. The Analysis will be proceeded with as soon as the Mint charges have been paid. If it is to be assayed simply for gold and silver the charge is five dollars currency. If an analysis "showing the percentage of the different properties" fifteen dollars must be sent

Respectfully Yours
Wm Millward
Director
per Quigg

Geo. C. Glass
30 West 3d st
Cincinnati

Dec. 24th

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 22d inst, enclosing Official Bond of Isa W. Jones, Assayer, Br. Mt. Charlotte N. C. for my action thereon.

I herewith return the same, with m approval &c.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

[illegible]

Di

December 22d

H. Lasselle Esq.

Sir

The main question, perhaps the which you have referred to me in the elaborate state recently received, is in these words: "I would be glad therefore if you would state the value in Peru Bolivian silver half dollars, as compared with our or silver currency, as that is not a legal tender for more than five dollars."

Now, while your whole narrative is and well digested, you must allow me to say that if, in the above paragraph, you had omitted the as compared with our gold or silver currency, you would have rendered it easier for me to reply. The very comparison, as shown in your statements, makes room for a variety of replies, and leaves the difficulty still unsettled. Why not take such a method as this.

The whole silver dollar, whether in Peru, or in Mexico, was substantially the same, and [illegible] our silver dollar. Have you not then a fair equitable precedent, in the settlement of the accounts of our [illegible]

in Mexico, where the Mexican dollar is set down at 100 cents, although in fact the Mint return would show a difference.

The tendency of this remark is to endorse the view taken by you, that the settlement with Mr. Clay ought to be at the rate of 74 4/10 cents, which as you say is nearer the true value when comparing silver with silver, legal standard 416 4/11 cents per oz. std. I may remark that we make it nearer 74 5/10, valuing the Mexican half dollar at 0.432 ounce, 0.67 fine; but as these results are not very fixed, it is unnecessary to disturb the fraction you have set down.

If this view varies from that taken by the former Director of the Mint, it is simply because he felt himself bound to give the commercial or Mint value, as stated in his Annual Reports, & according to our basis of paying for silver deposits, which is always in half dollars & less, unless in special cases where the whole dollar is called for, when of course the reduced amount is paid.

There must be some basis for settling this long pending and complicated account, and I take the liberty of suggesting the propriety of taking the Mexican account as a fair & equitable precedent.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

W. Millward

Director

Dec 26 6

Gent. I find that the
Consumption of Coal at
the Mint is about fifty
tons p month more
than this time last year.
You will have
to furnish a harder
Coal or I will have
to make a change

Timmins
& Lyle

Very Respy
E. H. Archer Jr
Chief Clerk

27th Dec 6

Sir:

In reply to yours of 26th inst would state that platinum grains in very small quantities have been found in California but nowhere else within our boundaries. It never occurs as an ore, properly speaking; it is always in metallic grains alloyed with iridium &c; and is found in alluvial sands; not in lodes like gold and silver

Respectfully Yours &c
Wm Millward
Director
per C Thacher
Chf Clk

Dr. M. Raynor
448 Broadway
New York

144

Dec. 29th 6

Sir

Enclosed please find one Dollar in gold and twenty five cents in silver, the same being the value of gold piece received in your letter of the 26th inst.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm Millward
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
C. E. Murdock Esq.
Ringwood
Preston Co. Va.

Dec. 29th 6.

Sir

Your favor of the 18th inst. recd. and contents noted.

I enclose herewith standard Troy half ounce weight, the price of which is $3.00, and which you will please remit me by return mail.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm Millward
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
H. E. Howard Esq.
Buffalo N.Y.

Dec 31st 6

Sir:

In reply to your favor of 26th inst would state, if the assay is to be simply for gold and silver the charge is five dollars currency; if an analysis showing the percentage of the different properties fifteen dollars must be sent.

Respectfully Yours &c
Wm Millward
Director
per Quigg

Wright & Tyrell
Chicago
Ill

Dec 31st 6

Sir:

In reply to yours of 28th inst would state that you do not mention in your letter in what capacity you desire employment. It would however be inexpedient for you to undertake a journey to Philadelphia as there are no vacancies to be filled in the U. S. Mint at present.

Respectfully Yours
Wm Millward
Director
per Quigg

Wm Davis
Washington

December 31st 46

W. M. Raynor Esq.

Sir

Our Assayer requests me to say, in reply to your letter concerning the Platinum Apparatus, that it is entirely unintelligible to him, without a more particular explanation. If such an apparatus has been employed in the London Mint it must have been since our last letter from the Assayer there, only a few weeks past. Any mode of assay which does not provide for a pouring off and changing of acids, may be very quick, but will not be very accurate. We do not use a sandbath; and we consider a glass stirrer an article that cannot be improved upon. The expression "corrects to approximate fineness" is something we cannot understand. All things considered, we may as well say at once, that our present process is so complete, accurate and rapid, that we do not wish to make a change, unless we can be convinced that some other is better.

Very respectfully,

William

December 31st

Hon. Chas. E. W. Kortright
H. B. M. Consul &c.

Sir

I have the honor to acknow
Regledge the receipt of your and enclosed statements of the
Mint at Calcutta. Although the manner of making
up the coinage account is quite different from ours,
rendering a comparison somewhat difficult, I will
in a short time prepare such a statement as may
meet the wishes of the Master of the Mint.
In the meantime allow me to send the last Annual
Report of this Mint, with a request that it may
be forwarded to Cor. Ballard, with my respects.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm Millward
Director

December 31st 67

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

Enclosed please find Requisition of Supt. Disp. Mt. San Francisco, for $90.905.39, duly approved &c. As the funds are greatly needed, I would respectfully ask that a draft may be sent to the Treasurer of that Branch at the earliest possible moment.

I also enclose the usual account and examination of Disp. Mt. San Francisco, for the month of November 1866.

Very respectfully,

Your Obdt. Servt.

Wm Millward

Director

January 1st

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

Pursuant to law & the regulation made at the close of business yesterday, the 31st ult. exhibit the following balances in the Branch of the Treasurer of the Mint viz. for yesterday Sold 31st ult. of the books, accounts, & monies in hand in the office of the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia and Continuing balance of $84.039,897.63, which corresponds with Cis statement of account for that day.

$24.679.05

In the foregoing the following was counted as cash 1.75

Certificates of Temporary Loan $1[illegible]

905.75

Total 525.077.48

Very respectfully

corresponding with the balance as stated on that [illegible] of account

Your Obt. Servt.

Henry Kipp

Upon Examination I found the [illegible] and working of the Mint to be conducted in a careful & satisfactory manner by the different Heads of their respective Departments.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

W. Millwarth

January 1st

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary, U. S. Treasury

Sir

The usual monthly count and examination made at the close of business yesterday the 31st ult. exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, viz:

In Gold	$ 203. 295. 50
" Silver	20. 2. 3. 24
Ordinary Account	24. 679. 95
Cent "	162. 861. 05
Br. Mt. San Francisco	13. 121. 00
" " Denver	05. 25
Total	525. 077. 43

corresponding with the balance as stated on that Officers books of account.

Upon examination I found the general condition and working of the Mint to be conducted in a careful & satisfactory manner by the different heads of their respective Departments.

Very respectfully,

Your Obt. Serv.

J. Millhouse

Treasurer

Jany 2nd 7

Sir

No acknowledgment has been received at the Mint of our letter of Dec 6th 1866. enclosing copy of agreement between Supt. & Treas'r Branch Mint, Denver & U.S. Ex. Co for transportation of bullion from said Branch Mint to St Louis, Mo. Will you please favor us with an answer thereto & oblige

Yours &c Respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per
A Thacher Jr
Chf Clk

Henry Kipp Esq
Buffalo
N.Y.

January 3d 7

Sir

Yours of the 28th ult. received.

The dollar of 1798 is not scarce.

There are two varieties; the "large eagle" brings about $2.00 currency, the "small eagle" $4.00.

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Director

per [illegible]

Chief Clerk

To

Dillon & Co.

Gen. J. Lamson Mapother Esq.

U. S. Dr. Louisville, Ky.

Jany 3d 7

January 3d 7

Sirs:

In reply to yours of 26th
I will be leave to state the following
for delivery before ten (10) days, price of
which will be $3.00 in silver, and $4 wa in gold.
notes.

Second. The correct value of each deposit is
ascertained and paid to the depositor less
charges. ½ per cent coinage ½ per cent tax and
for separating silver if deposit contains it &c.

Third. The Mint receives gold for coinage.

Fourth. The rule of the Mint is to receive
no deposit of less value than $100.

Respectfully Yours &c
Wm Millward
Director

per
C. Thacher Jr.
Ch. Clk

R. James Donaldson & Co
Cheraw
S. C.

In reply to yours of the 2d inst. would say that pay of coins of 1867, will not be ready for delivery before ten (10) days, price of which will be $3.00 in silver, and $4 wa in gold.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Director
Chief Clk
Geo. J. Landon, Esq.
U. S. Treasury
New York

Jany 3d 7

Sirs:

In reply to yours of 26th ult beg leave to state the following answers to your questions.

First. The Mint does not buy gold.

Second. The correct value of each deposit is ascertained and paid to the depositor less charges. 1/2 per cent coinage 1/2 per cent tax and for separating silver if deposit contains it &c.

Third. The Mint receives gold for coinage.

Fourth. The rule of the Mint is to receive no deposit of less value than $100.

Respectfully Yours &c
Wm Millward
Director

per
A Thacher Jr
Chf Clk

R. James Donaldson & Co
Cheraw
S. C.

January 8th

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Jany 8th

Sir

I herewith enclose duplicate sets of 5/1000 2/1000 1/1000 and 12/1000 gold assay weights, as in your letter of the 17th ult. forwarded by

Mattrasses, Assay bottles, and pipettes, have been ordered and forwarded as directed.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

Geo. E. Glass Esq.

Cinci nati Ohio

Jany 8th 7

Sir

Your favor of the 5th inst. received.

The $15. forwarded by you duly came to hand. The analysis is in progress and hope to be completed in a few days.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Director

per [illegible]

Chi[illegible] N

To

Geo. C. Glass Esq.

Cincinnati Ohio

January 9th 7

Chas. E. W. Kortright

H. B. M. Consul &c.

Sir

I enclose herewith Reports of the operations in the Melter's & Refiners & Chief Coiners Department of the Mint, showing the wastage &c, in each Dept.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Director

Chief Clerk

Director

Chief Clerk

To

Albert D. Richardson

New York.

January 7th 7

Sir

I enclose herewith statement of Gold received at the U. S. Mint from various sources from June 30th up to Nov. 30th 1866.

Also copy of Director's Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1866, which will furnish you all information desired on the subject of your letter of Jany 7th 1867.

Very respectfully,
Wm Millward
Director
per C. Fischer Jr
Chief Clerk.

To
Albert D. Richardson
New York.

January 10th 7

Jany 11th 7

H. M. Raynor Esq.

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst. enclosing specimen of Quartz for Enclosed please find copy of report of Mr. J. H. Eckfeldt, Assayer U. S. Mint, on the subject of your letter of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Director

per [illegible]

Chief Clerk.

To

D. D. Spaulding Esq.

Durciville

Wyoming Co. Pa.

Jany 11th 7

Geo. W. Lane Esq.

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst. enclosing specimen of Quartz for analysis received.

The rock is of the most ordinary character, with a little iron pyrites, and of no value.

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Director

per A. J. Becher

Chief Clerk

To

D. D. Spaulding Esq.

Purceville

Wyoming Co. Pa.

January 12th 9

Geo. W. Lane Esq.

Supt. Ind. Aff. Denver.

Sir

Yours of the 3rd inst. enclosing Requisition for 1st Quarter 1867, received.

The same has been approved, and forwarded to the Dept. this date.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

Wm Williams

Director

January 12th 1866

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary, U.S. Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith Requisition of Lieut. Wm. H. Denver for the first Quarter of 1866, with my approval, and request that it may receive early attention.

Very respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Wilson

Director

January 12th 7

Robt. B. Swain Esq.
Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

The Assay Coins of your Branch for the month of November were received at the Mint this date.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm. McAlward
Director
Jas. A. Thache Jr.
Chief Clerk

Jany 14 7 Jany 15

Gent

Hon. Willard Millward

I herewith Enclose the repo of Mr J R Eckfeldt in referenc to your Key of Minerals received some days since.

Messrs Geo. C. Glass & Co, Cincinnati

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thache
Chief Clerk

Gen C Glass & Co
30 West 3d St
Cincinnati
Ohio

Sulphur	32.4
Silex	0.6
Trace of copper, water &c.	1.—
	100.0

The average of the whole, including the poorer parts, is 30 per cent. zinc.

Respectfully
J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Jan'y 14 7

Hon. William Millward
Director &c &c.

Dear Sir

The following is my report of the analysis of minerals contained in a keg, sent here by Messrs Geo. C. Glass & Co., Cincinnati. It is a calcareous rock with sulphide of zinc. The better portions yield

Zinc	65.5 per cent
Iron	0.5
Sulphur	32.4
Silex	0.6
Trace of copper, water &c.	1.—
	100.0

The average of the whole, including the poorer parts, is 30 per cent. zinc.

Respectfully

J. R. Eschfeldt
Assayer

January 15th 3

H. M. Rayner Esq.

Sir

Yours of the 12th inst. at hand. The platinum apparatus that would suit our work, should be made for sixteen carats at most (not less than fourteen) and we prefer a rectangular to a circular shape, if that will agree with the plan of the inventor. Our idea would be a pan or tray three inches wide by four inches long, or smaller if the worker considers it to be better. If it must be circular the diameter must not exceed three and a half inches. The maker will of course regulate the depth, so as to allow sufficient content of acid.

A suitable burner should be prepared and sent with the apparatus, and the whole should be packed and marked "for the U.S. Mint Philad.a, care of H. M. Rayner, N.Y." by which a permit can be obtained to pass through the Custom House duty free. Your explanations in regard to price are satisfactory. If the apparatus is found to answer a good purpose here, it will be recommended to other establishments connected with the Mint.

Very respectfully,

Wm Millward

Director

per [illegible]

Chief Clerk

January 15th 1847

Sir

Enclosed pleased find letter of Dec. 8th, which after having been referred to the different Express Cos. has been returned to me this date.

Very respectfully
Wm. Millward
Director
per A Wacker Jr
Chief Clerk

To
David G. Hanger Esq.
Kent Station
Newton Co. Ind.

Jany. 16th 6

Sir

Yours of the 11th inst recd.

Proof coins for 1807.

will not be ready for delivery before Feby. 1st.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Northward

Director

for A. Thacher Jr

Chief Clerk

To

H. Douglass Esq.

Cincinnati

Ohio

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Jany 17th 7

Madam

In answer to yours of the 14th inst, would say that the Mint receives silver spoons &c on deposit for coinage into whole dollars, or for purchase at 122½ cents per ounce, standard fineness 9/10. payable in half dollars or smaller coin.

I cannot inform you what your plate will produce, without knowing the fineness. If it is the same fineness as our coin, it will produce 122½ cents per ounce. The rule of the Mint is not to receive, less than would contain a value in coin of $100 as a deposit.

Very respectfully
Wm. Millward
Director
per A. Thacher Jr.
Chief Clerk.

To
Mrs. E. A. Dudley
Petersburg Va.

Jany 17th 7

Sir

Yours of the 15th inst at hand.

Proof sets of 1867 will not be ready for delivery before the 1st of February, when upon the receipt of $3.00 in ~~silver~~ coin, I shall be happy to oblige you.

Very respectfully
Wm. Millward
Director
per A. Thacher Jr.
Chief Clerk.

To
S. & J. Myers
70 Washington St.
Boston, Mass.

Janry 15th 7

Janry 18th 7

Gents

Sir Your favor of the 12th inst. received. In answer to yours of the 17th inst. would state that the Mint does not procure pennies in exchange for three cent pieces, cent nickel coin.

A circular containing full information on the subject is hereby enclosed.

Very respectfully

Wm Millward

Director

per [illegible]

Chief Clerk

To

B. Rosenberg & Co.

Louisville Ky.

To

H. B. Shoemaker

Bridgeton

N. J.

Dany 15th 7

Dany 11th 7

Gents

Your favor of the 14th inst. received.

I herewith return draft made payable to your order, for your endorsement.

Very respectfully
Wm. Millward
Director
per
Chief Clerk.

To
B. Besenberg & Co.
Kalamazoo
Mich

January 19

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Jany 18th 7

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

Enclosed please find Draft No. 3314, for Thirty (30) Dollars, in payment for Bill of Advertising, pecd.

Very respectfully

Wm Millward

Director

per A. H. Gleicher

Chief Clerk.

To

N. P. Lawyer

Editor "Republic".

Pittsburgh Pa.

January 19th

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U.S. Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to report your approval of the proposed change in the 5 cent die conformity with the specimen submitted to you by the Chief Coiner.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

January 19th

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

I have thought it proper enclose a copy of my reply to a communication received from Mr H. Lasselle in reference to the settlement of accounts with Mr. Clay.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

W. Millward

Lieut.

January 18th 07

H. Lasselle Esq.

Sir

In reply to your communication of the 16th inst, I regret that the view taken in my letter to you of Dec. 22d last, has had no effect in bringing this matter to a solution. It appears to me, that to call for gold values in a question which belongs entirely to silver, in making the business still more complicated; and therefore to adopt the Mexican or Spanish dollar as the arbitrator, and make the same sort of settlement as was made with our Minister in Mexico would be taking a fair precedent.

Moreover your question as stated in your letter to the Secty of the Treasury of January 5th, as containing the gist of the whole matter, is in my opinion, one that can never be answered; namely what is the value at Lima, in U. S. Cents, of the Bolivian half-dollar. I change your phrase a little, in order to make a naked statement, and I am sure no man can answer that question.

However I proceed to comply with your request, to "give the gold value of the Bolivian Currency, as compared with gold as well as the silver in those cases just referred to."

per A. Lachelle Jr. Bolivian

The Bolivian doubloon taking it at 16 dollars, makes the gold dollar as compared with our dollar, 97.4 cents. (The doubloon mentioned has not been seen for many years) The Bolivian half dollar in which Mr. Clay was paid, has various values as compared with our silver, according as we take the whole dollar valuation of 116 4/10 cents, or the Commercial Mint value at 121 cents per ounce of nine tenths fine, or at 122 ± cents as we are paying now. All these results you are already familiar with as your letters show.

There is another question propounded — "whether silver bullion would be a legal tender under our present laws? I feel certain not.

Allow me also to correct an error although not an important one, when you say that "the relative value of gold and silver in Peru is sixteen to one"; referring of course to the old monetary system. This would be true if the legal or actual finess and weight of doubloon and dollar were the same but the legal finess of the doubloon was 21 carats or 875 thous the actual about 870; while of the whole dollar the legal was 902 7/9, the actual about 900.

Very respectfully

Wm Millward

Director

per A Backer Secy

January 2nd
January 2nd

Lt. E. Munson Esq.

Sir

In answer to yours of [illegible] I am in receipt of your favor of the 27th ult. enclosing the following reports for the month of November 1866, Total gold received at U. S. Mint during [illegible] $[illegible]

1. Condition of the Branch at the close of the month
" " " from Montana 2,053,[illegible]
2. Statement of Deposits & Coinage,
3. Statement of Deposits.

Very [illegible]

[illegible]

The Certificate of the transfer of the Parting Charges was not enclosed

Very respectfully
Yours
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

January 21st

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of the 27th ult. enclosing the following reports for the month of November 1866, viz.

1. Condition of the Branch at the close of the month
2. Statement of Deposits and Coinage,
3. Statement of Deposits.

The Certificate of the transfer of the Parting Charge, was not enclosed

Very respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. Millin

Cashier

[illegible]

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Jany 21st 77

Sir

Enclosed please find circular in answer to yours of the 18th inst.

Very respectfully

Wm Millward

Director

per A. Thacher

Chief Clerk.

To

E. L. Hinckley Esq.

Merchants Union Ex. Co.

Boonville N.Y.

Cashier 1st Natl. Bk.

Cambridge Ohio

Jany. 21st 77

Sir

Yours of the 19th inst. received.

Enclosed please find circular in reference to purchase and shipment of coin

Please send Very respectfully city or New York, and your Wm Millward receiving attention.

If I receive these coin Director I see no way by per M. V. D. reimburse myself.

To

H. B. Shoemaker Esq.

Bridgeton N.J.

Very respectfully

Wm Millward

Director

per A. Thacher Jr

Chief Clerk

To

Geo. A. Mason Esq.

Cash 1st Natl. Bk.

Madison Ohio

180

Jany 2d 7

Sir

I return herewith draft for $150, recd in your favor of the 18th inst, to be made payable to order of Wm Millward Director U.S. Mint.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk.

S. H. McMahon Esq.
Cashier 1st Natl. Bk.
Cambridge Ohio

Jany 2d 7

Sir

I return you herewith duplicate certificates of Deposit for $200. received in your favor of the 16th inst.

Please send me a check on this city or New York, and your order shall receive attention.

If I receive these certificates, I see no way by which I can reimburse myself.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
Geo. A Mason Esq.
Cashr 1st Natl. Bk.
Madison Wis.

January 23rd

Sir

January 22

In enclosing a copy of my last letter of December 22d, I will add a word of explanation as to the relative value question. The doubloon and dollar have always been of the same weight, and actual coinage of doubloon to 1772 [illegible] coinage fineness 0.0.22c carats or [illegible] 3 grains. The charges are ½ per cent for coinage and a small charge for parting if it contains silver. [illegible] up to that date relatively 16 to 1 but up to that time the fineness of each kind of coin has been changed according to its fineness.

In answer to yours of the 3d inst. [illegible]

Very respectfully

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

per A. H. [illegible]

Chief Clerk

Director

per A. H. [illegible]

Chief Clerk

To

P. T. Barnum Esq.

Box 1665

Chicago, Ill.

January 23rd 7

Sir

In enclosing a copy of my last letter of December 22d, I will add a word of explanation as to the relative value question. The doubloon and dollar have always been of the same legal and actual weight; and prior to 1772, they were of the same legal fineness i.e. 22c carats or 916 $\frac{2}{3}$ thous. This made them, up to that date relatively 16 to 1 but up to that time the fineness of each kind of coin has been changed

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt
Wm. Millward
Director
per A. Wacker
Chief Clerk

H. Lasselle
Washington C.

Jany 25 /

Mr Mac Carthy:
Barrytown
Dutchess Co. N.Y.

Sir

The first issue of cents and half cents was in 1793.
No Cent was coined in 1815.
No half cents in 1798. 1801. 1804.
nor from 1812 to 1824 (inclusive)
except a few in 1813.
None in 1827 or 1830, a few in 1831 and some patterns in 1832
None in 1837-8-or 9. and only a few patterns in 1840 to 1848 and in 1852.

This coinage ceased with 1857

Very Respfly Yours
Wm Millward Director
Per A. Tracher
Chief Clk

Jany 25 /

S. Hemenway Jr

Sir

Yours of the 21st inst is received enclosing Sample of Micaceous Sand, which is very common and of no value

Very Respfy Yours
Wm Millward Director
Per A. Tracher
Chief Clk

1834

Jany 26 7

Jany 25 7

Dr. J. The Proof Sets (Silver & Copper) I have this day sent you (for mail by Asst Treas) 100 of the first proof coins of the 5 cent piece as changed on paper.

Very Resp.

Jno Jay Knox Esq

Jm Mil Cwand

this year & the [illegible] mer years [illegible]

Very Resp.

Mr. Morton Esq

Concord

N.C.

A. Thacher Jr

Chief Clerk

for Director

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Jany 26 4

Sir

The Proof sets for 1867 will be ready in ten days. The price will be $3.00 per set payable in Coin.

The object of striking proof sets is to satisfy the wishes of Collectors and the small extra charge is barely enough to pay for the extra care & labor in striking them.

The number of sets struck varies [illegible] three to five hundred generally.

Very Respy
A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk
for Director

Chas Norton Esq
Prest

Jany 26 4

Sir

The Proof Sets (Silver & 1867 Copper) for 1867 will probably be ready for about ten days. The price will be $3.00 [illegible] price will be $3.00 in Coin or its equivalent in paper.

There have been [illegible] copper pattern pieces struck this year & the dies of former years are destroyed.

Very Respy
A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk
for Director

Moses Woolson Esq
Concord
N.C.

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Jany 26

Sir:

The Proof Sets for 1867 will be ready in ten days. The price will be $3.00 per Set payable in Coin.

The object of striking "proof sets" is to satisfy the wishes of Collectors and the small extra charge is barely enough to pay for the extra care & labor in striking them.

The number of sets struck varies from three to five hundred generally.

Very Respy
A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk
for Director

Chas Gorton Esq
Prest

Jany 26

Sir,

The Proof Sets for 1867 will not be ready for about ten days.

The price will be $3.00 payable in Coin.

Very Respy
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
Jas B Moore Esq
Concord
N.H.

Jany 28th

Jany 28th 7

Jany 29 7

Sir;

In reply to your favor of 24th inst would state we have no authority whatever to go into an examination of this metal with a view to its use in coinage, nor would we undertake to do so without a statement as to its name, qualities, place of discovery &c The usual charge for the assay of a metal or ore at the Mint is five dollars.

Very Respectfully &c,

Wm Millward

per

A Kacher Chfl.

Jonas. P. Levy.
Box 6188 P.O.
New York

Jany 29 77

Govt.

Sir The contract for supp[illegible] the U.S. [illegible] with Coal has been given to another party to take effect on the [illegible] of [illegible] You will make up your bill to include the 31st Jany & [illegible] them in for settlement

Wm Millward
Director

Resp[illegible]
Wm Millward
Director
[illegible] Thacher
[illegible] Chief Clerk

To Mess
Trumbull & Lyle
Van Wart [illegible]

Jany 30 7

Sir

In reply to your note of 28th inst would state a proposal will be received, stating what price you will deliver at the Mint, Evans & Askins Nickel, free of all Expense

Very Respectfully &c
Wm Millward
Director
per Quigg

Van Wart McCoy & Co
72 Beekman st
New York

February [illegible]

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

Pursuant to law of the regulations of the Department I made examination at the close of business yesterday, the 21st ult. of the books, accounts, and monies on hand in the offices of the Asst. Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, and found a balance of $5.218.673.31, which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

In the foregoing the following was counted as cash as case, viz.

Certificates of Temporary Loan $62.[illegible]

Very respectfully [illegible]

Your Obt. Servt.

[illegible]

[illegible]

February 1st 1837

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

February 1st

J. P. Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir Sir

In Treasurer monthly count and examination made at the close of business yesterday the 31st ult., exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Eagle, or Twenty Dollars, weighing 516 grains

In Gold Eagle	Ten		$390.855.5255.50
" Silver Eagle	Five		39.441.50
Ordinary Eagle	Two & a half		10.233.9862.21
Cent Fine Dollar Piece			244.551.4777.44
Br. Mt. Gold Francisco			12.775.4925
" " Denver			905.75
The Silver Coins are	Total		698.775.62

corresponding with the balance as stated on the officer's basis of account.

Upon examination I found the general condition and [illegible] working of the Mint to be conducted in a careful & satisfactory manner by the officers [illegible] heads of their respective departments.

Half Dime

Very respectfully

Thirty Cent Piece

Your Obdt. Servt.

All of the fineness of nine tenths. All except the dollar are limited [illegible] legal tender to five dollars. The present cent and five cent [illegible]

were created by Act of April 22d 1816. The three cent piece of [illegible] and copper, March 3d 1865. The five cent piece of nickel and copper May 16th 1866. The cent and two cent are a legal tender to 4 cents; the three cent to 60 cents; the five cent to 100 cents.

February 1st. 7

J. B. Thompson Esq.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 30th ult. would state that the Gold coins are

The Double Eagle, or Twenty Dollars,	weighing	516	grains
" Eagle " Ten "	"	258	"
" Half Eagle " Five "	"	129	"
" Quarter Eagle " Two & a half "	"	64½	"
" Three Dollar piece	"	77 4/10	"
" One Dollar "	"	25 5/10	"

The Silver Coins are

The Dollar weighing	412½	grains
" Half " "	192	"
" Quarter " "	96	"
" Dime "	38 4/10	"
" Half Dime "	19 3/10	"
" Three Cent Piece "	11 52/100	"

All of the fineness of nine tenths. All except the dollar are limited in legal tender to five dollars. The present cent and two cent piece were [illegible]

were created by Act of April 22d 1864. The three cent piece of nickel and copper, March 3d 1865. The five cent piece of nickel and copper May 16th 1866. The cent and two cent are a legal tender to 4 cents; the three cent to 60 cents; the five cent to 100 cents.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Wm. Hillward
Director
per A. Thacher Jr.
Chief Clerk

Sir
I return herewith your [illegible] $200 in Central Natl. Bank [illegible] as your order for small [illegible] not be filled in less than [illegible] weeks from date.
Respectfully &c.
Wm. Hillward
Director
per [illegible]

To
Pres. Natl. Bk. of Freeport
Freeport Ill.

Feby. 2 [illegible]

Sir

I return herewith your draft for $200 on Central Natl. Bank, N. York, as your order for small Edn. could not be filled in less than eight weeks from date.

Respectfully &c.

Wm. Millward
Director

Per [illegible]
Director

To

1st Natl. Bk. of Freeport.

Freeport Ill.

In the Roman Eg. Sent for the Bankers' Magazine

46 Pine St. N.Y.

Wm. Millward
Director

February 2nd 7.

Sir Sir

I herewith return $10, received in
your favor of the 1st inst. mint
The new five cent coins are not
ready for distribution, and cannot be
sent free of Expressage, in less sums
than $50, as see enclosed Circular.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director

Sir
Ann Thomas Esq. Sent for the
Banker's Magazine
46 Wine St. N.Y.

Wm Millward
Director
Per A Thacher
Chief Clerk

To
E. M. Houghton
Box 12 [illegible]
Ohio

February 2d 7.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 30th ult, would state that the rules governing Mint Assays are as follows.

The Mint charge for an assay of ore is five dollars, when gold and silver are searched for; and ten dollars when the search extends to other metals. At least one pound of the ore should be sent, and it ought to be a fair average of the vein.

We have repeatedly assayed galena ores from Arkansas, without finding more than a trace of precious metals.

Accompanying this, please find the Annual Report of the Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1866-67.

Respectfully &c.

Wm Millward
Director

To
Geo. M. Howells Esq.
Box 1200. Cincinnati
Ohio

Per A Thacher
Chief Clerk

February 2d 7.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 30th ult. would state that Proof Letts for 1867, will not be ready before the latter part of next week.

Enclosed please find two of the five cent coins, as recently authorized by the Secretary of Treasury.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per M.S.D.

To
John Q. Adams.
Washington D C

Feb 4th 7

Sir

In reply to yours of — inst would state your coin $851.28 was shipped on Dec 27th 1866 by Harnden's Express to Elmira NY to go by U.S. Express to Detroit.

Very Respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per Quigg

Prentiss Wate
Wilton Junc
Muscatine Co
Iowa

Feby 4th 7

Sir:

In reply to your letters of — inst would state a deposit containing four bars & three rolled strips was rec'd at the Mint this morning, supposed to be the one referred to in fr letter. There was letter of instructions with the deposit & on that letter there was a memorandum of 560 dwts, which would be 28 ounces. The strips & small bars weigh 6.55; the two Denver Br Mint bars 19.30. Total 25.85 ounces, so there is an error in your weight of 2.15 ounces. The Mint only pays deposits at the Mint to your agent

Very Respectfully &c
Wm Millward
Director
per Quigg

P. T. Turnlay
Box 1665 P.O.
Chicago

February 7th 7

Sir

In answer to yours of the 5th inst, would state that there are no vacancies at present, or none likely to occur in the Department in which you desire employment.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacker Jr
Chief Clerk.

Felix Dennis Esq.
Washington D.C.

February 8th

Sir

In answer to yours of the 6th inst, would say that there are several works on American Coinage, but having lately been led into an error by one of them that ought to have been accurate, I advise you to take a different course to obtain the information you want, as well as other facts of interest to a coin-collector. And that is to write to Mr. Edward Cogan, Coin dealer, New York for an Austin Catalogue containing the most complete series of American Coins. I suppose you can get it for fifty cents to a dollar.

I will add that the coinage of cents began in 1792.

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Director

per A. Thacker Jr.

Chief Clerk

Wiley B. Wesson, Esq.

Washington D.C.

February 8th 7.

Madam

I herewith return your check for $677 00/100 received in your favor of the 7th inst, the same being drawn to your order, and not endorsed.

It would be better to send the check to the asst. Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, payable to his order. Who will return you the necessary Certificate

Very respectfully
Wm. Millward
Director
per. A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk.

To
Mrs. Jane F. Righter
P.M. Manch Chunck
Penna.

February 5th

Geo. F. Dunning Esq.

Supt. Assess. Office, N.Y.

Sir

Your requisition for $30.00 was received this date, and will be forwarded with my approval to the Department.

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Deputy

per A Hacker

Chief Clerk.

February 8th 67

Sir

In answer to yours of the 4th inst. would state that the bag of gold dust was received at the mint, marked L. Young Chicago — and the coin $674.99 was sent to Chicago, Dec. 26th 1866.

Very respectfully
Wm Redward
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk

To
L. Young. Esq.
Lisbon. Linn Co
Iowa.

February 13th 7

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Hon. Hugh McCulloch Sec. Treasury

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 4th 1867 enclosing the following Reports viz

I enclose herewith Requisition of Supt. Assay Office New York for $30.000, duly approved &c. and request that it may receive early attention.

List of unpaid warrants for November 1866.

Certificate of the transfer of the parting charge for the same month.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

Also yours of 18th January enclosing

W. Millward

Statement of the condition of the Branch at Directo of the month of December 1866.

List of unpaid Warrants for same month

Certificate of the transfer of the parting charge for December

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Director

for C. Thach

Chief Clerk

February 13th 7

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 4th 1867, enclosing the following Reports viz

List of unpaid warrants for November 1866.

Certificate of the transfer of the parting charge for the same month.

Also yours of 18th January enclosing

Statement of the Condition of the Branch at the close of the month of December 1866.

List of Unpaid Warrants for same month

Certificate of the transfer of the parting charge for December

Very respectfully

Wm. Millward

Director

per A. Thach

Chief Clerk.

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February 13th
Feby. 13th 7

Sir

In answer to yours of the 9th inst. I herewith return draft for $160.00 would state that your draft for $160.00 was received at the Mint on the 6th inst. and the acknowledgement sent by mistake to the Lincoln Woolen Co. North Webster Mass.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per. A. Kacher Jr.
Chief Clerk.

To
To Stewart Esq.
F. Slater and Sons.
New York

February 13th
February 18th 7

Sir

I return herewith Certificate of Deposit for $1000, received in your favor of the 9th inst. Please send me a check on this city or New York for the amount and your order to shall receive attention.

If I receive this Certificate, I know of no way by which I can reimburse myself.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A. Kacher Jr.
Chief Clerk.

To
R. B. Bagby Esq.
No. 26. North St.
Baltimore, Md.

To
Cashier, 9th Natl. Bank
New York

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Feby. 13th 57

Sir

I herewith return draft for $50, received in your favor of Feby. 9th to be made payable to order of "William Millward, Director U. S. Mint"

Very respectfully
A Racher
Chief Clerk.

To
A. Stewart Esq.
Louisville Ky.

February 18th 57.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 11th inst. would state the Mint pays no premium on pennies of 1858, or on issues of any date prior or subsequent to that period

Very respectfully
Wm. Millward
Director
per. A Racher
Chief Clerk.

To
R. W. Bayly Esq.
No. 26. North St.
Baltimore, Md.

Treasury Dept

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for the sum of $39.492.75. it being the amount due the U. S. Mint for the Quarter ending December 31st 1866 – as follows.

Salaries	$ 8. 242. 75
Wages of Workmen.	31. 250. 00
	$39. 492. 75

Very respectfully,

Your Obdt. Servt.

Wm Millward

Director

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Feby 15th 7

Feby. 15th 7.

Gents

I herewith return Arrant for $12 recd. in answer to yours of the 13th inst, would state that the Mint pays no premium on Eagle Pennies.

The Coinage of Nickel pennies commenced in the year 1856, on these I believe there is a premium in the Market, but they are not redeemable at the Mint.

Respectfully &c.

Wm. Millward
Director

Per MD.

To
Linsheimer, Black and Campen
Baltimore Md.

Feby 15 [illegible]

Sir

I herewith return P O Warrant for $12 = received in yours of 13th ins

No funds to meet the same

Very Respy
Wm McLeod
Director
per [illegible]
Chief Dept

To
Moses Woolson Esq
Condor
N.Y.

February 18th 7

Dear Sir:

Your Cor of the 11th inst. at hand and contents noted.

The present Contract for nickel having several months to run I am not prepared to receive proposals for any further supply at present.

I desire to call your attention to the fact, that you do not state in your note, the price at which you will furnish nickel free of all expense, you paying the duty.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
per A. Kalcher
Director
per A. Kalcher
Chief Clerk.

To Jas. M. McGorman
Wm Pr Van Wert
Wm Coy
New York.

Feby 18 7

Sir:

In reply to your inst. of the 14th I would say that I have a sample of the rules of the Chr. Currency to that all dies of one year shall be destroyed the first part of the succeeding year. Consequently the dies of the years 36 38 & 39 have been destroyed and there is no possibility of your receiving these dates through the Mint.

Very Respectfully
A. Kalcher
Chief Clerk

To F. P. Randall Esq
Fort Wayne
Ind

To James M. Thompson Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

February 18[illegible] 7.

Sir —

In answer to your query, "whether the Mint does, or did manufacture Coins in one year dated the next coming year?" would state, decidedly not.

The Coins dated 1866, were manufactured and issued in 1866; so with every preceding year from the Commencement of U.S. Coinage in 1793.

Very Respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A. Thacher
Chief Clerk

To
Jas. M. McGorman
Smithville, N.C.

February

Sir —

In answer to yours of the 11th inst. would state that if it is simply intended for assay, a sample can be sent to us, with five dollars (currency) to pay the mint charge. It cannot be taken as a deposit, with a view to receive the proceeds, being apparently under the value of $100, and also unsuitable for minting operations.

There ought to be goldsmiths in Cincinnati able to extract the gold from the whole mass, if that is desired. If there is not, Mr. George Lee, 102 S. Second St. Philadelphia will no doubt attend to it.

Very respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A. Thacher
Chief Clerk

To James M. Thompson Esq.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Copy retained in Br. Mt.

Correspondence

for February 1867

think you will share in, to place either your establishment
the Mint, upon the same basis of operations as a new office
up in the Rocky or Nevada Mountains. It does not seem creditable
the industrial skill and resources of our Atlantic border, to send
to England or France to be parted. Nor does it seem that a
national institution should be made a mere Convenience, whereby a
private trader shall be able to save a cent or two on twenty
dollars worth of gold; for this is really at the bottom of the matter
at the same time, we are not to be disobliging, nor to the
impediments in the way of Commerce.

On this point, if you think proper to throw in an agree-
ment, I should like to hear whether you have anything to say
And further whether the adoption of such a rule would not
greatly reduce the work of your refinery; and whether you think
this is desirable.

In regard to the statement from your Melter and Refiner,
which reflects credit upon his Economy and integrity, I have
to Express a doubt whether it places him, or rather your
office, in that precise position of impartiality between
the U.S. Treasury and the depositor which the law con-
templates.

If the depositor pays the full parting charge, he is en-
titled to the full proceeds; which he does not get, if we allow
him the silver up to 990 (of gold) and then retain the difference

between that and Egypt. The former stopping place was
fixed years ago partly as a safe average of fine bars, and
partly with a view to retain some silver in the coin, to mit-
gate the Coppery color, and to comply with the law on the
subject of alloy. One of two things should therefore be
done (not for the past but for the future) either to give the
depositor all his partings [illegible] or else when the
bars are to be coined, to [illegible] up to [illegible] and to send the
difference to the [illegible] to be put into the Coin,
as charged, [illegible] the [illegible] reports. We are all of
the opinion here, that this [illegible] waste of silver. Gold
Coins ought to have a gold color, without the transient
effect of pickling; and this they have not [illegible] short
some admixture of silver to combat the red [illegible] of copper.
Since the opening of the mines of [illegible] Nova
Scotia, where the gold is of too high a [illegible] to bear
parting, British Coins have re-assumed the beauty which
they had lost by following the fashion of France. It
would be well if we could oblige depositors to do [illegible]
much towards making our coin of the right color.
Our Assayer gives good reasons for the opinion that
a little silver improves the ductility also.
On the foregoing topic, generally, I shall be pleased
to have any suggestions you may make

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Feby. 25th 7.

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 21st inst, would state that the Mint does not sell old coins.

The only way to obtain the coins mentioned, would be to hunt out some Numismatist, who could spare the coins from his collection.

Respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk.

To
Theo. Butler Esqr
P. O. Box 1081
Buffalo N.Y.

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 21st inst, would state that the Mint does not sell old coins. Has been recorded since the date of your letter, and with the same result as before reported.

Respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk

To
Wm Neal
59 Boston

Feby. 25th 7.

Sir

Enclosed please find Circular in answer to your letter of the 23d inst. Would also state that the Mint does not redeem old pennies.

Respectfully &c.
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk.

To
Appleget and Norton
Hightstown N.J.

February 25th

Robt. B. Irwin Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Feby 25th 7.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 20th inst, would state that the gold has been re-assayed since the receipt of your letter, and with the same result as before reported.

Respectfully
Wm Millward
Director

A. Thacher
Chief Clerk

To
Wm Neilson
59 G. St.
S. Boston

February 25th

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

The annual trial of the [illegible] and silver coins of the U.S. for the year 1866, made at the Mint on the 10th inst. presented, satisfactorily and has been so reported to the Department. Enclosed please find a detailed statement of the trial of the coins reserved at your Branch.

The sum of $32.50, being the proceeds of the Assay Coins of your Branch for December 1865, and eleven months of 1866, has been placed to your credit on the books of the Treasurer of the Mint, subject to your draft payable in coin.

There being an excess of a half dollar on the [illegible] coins for the months of March 1866, the same has been placed to your credit, also payable in coin

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

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Feby. 25th 7.

Sir

I herewith return draft for $90. received in your favor of the 26th inst. to be made payable to order of "William Millward, Director U.S. Mint."

Respectfully
A. Thacher Jr.
Chief Clerk.

To L. S. Marsh Esq.
Little Valley N.Y.

February 25th 7.

Gents.

The Supt. of Br. Mt. San Francisco informs me that the accounts of the Treasurer of that Branch have been suspended by the 1st Auditor, in consequence of the presentation as a voucher, of a duplicate bill for crucibles &c. amounting to $1448.

The crucibles were forwarded in the early part of the year 1855 per Str. Carlyle, via Cape Horn.

An original bill receipted by a member of the firm is required. Will you be kind enough to forward the same to me, at the earliest possible moment.

Very Respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A. Thacher Jr.

To
Messrs Jos Dixon & Co.
Jersey City. N.J.

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Feby 28th 7.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 20th inst, I enclose Circular giving the desired information.

Respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per M.D.

To
Harlan W. Page Esq.
Austin Minn

Mint [illegible]

Sir

The specimen you sent is [illegible] sand-
stone, [illegible] iron and mica. It contains no metal
[illegible]. The Mint charge [illegible]
five dollars.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

per [illegible]
Chief Clerk

Mr. P. B. Sprinkle
York, Pa.

March 1st [illegible]

Sir

The amount [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] that [illegible]
[illegible]

Respectfully
Your [illegible]
Servant
[illegible]

Cashier [illegible] Nat'l Bk.
[illegible] Pa.

Mint Rec'd 7th

Wm. Wolfe McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

The usual monthly [illegible] examination made at the close of business yesterday [illegible] exhibited the following [illegible] in the hands of the Treasurer of this Mint, viz

In Gold	$486.117.50	
" Silver	55.043	
Ordinary "	34.693.20	
Cent "	346.235.40	
Br. Mt. San Francisco	19.466.12	
" " Denver	905.75	$942.705.72

corresponding with the balance as stated on that Official's books of account

Upon examination, I found the general condition and working of the Mint to be conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner by the different heads of its respective Departments.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Wm Millward

Wm Millward

March [illegible]

Dr. B. Dain Esq

Supt. Ist. Mt. Dean Francisco

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th ult. enclosing Reports as follows.

Monthly Count & Examination for December 1866, which has been forwarded to the Department.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage [illegible] December 1866

Assay [illegible] of the U.S. at [illegible]

Statement of Localities " " "

$ C. 125,409.34, which [illegible] with his [illegible]

[illegible] Reports

that day

Statement of Deposits [illegible] the year 1866

[illegible]

Statement of Localities " " " $ 28,[illegible]

Certificates of Temporary Loan

Respectfully

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

Your [illegible]

Wm. M. Leonard

Assist. Director

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Mallet Ct. [illegible]

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secy. of U. S. Treasury Sir

Sir

Enclosed please find triplicate bill of Capt. Mazzy & Mr. Moore, amounting to [illegible] of the Department, of [illegible] examination at the close of business yesterday, the 28th ult. of the books, accounts, and monies on hand in the offices of the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, and found a balance of $ C. 125. 409.34, which corresponds with his statement of account that day.

Wm Millward
Director

In the foregoing the following was counted as Cash, as

Certificates of Temporary Loan. $ 28. 7 16 03

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

Wm Millward
Director

March 1st

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

Enclosed please find triplicate bill of Sleps. Muzzey & Munroe, amounting to $101.87, for articles furnished for your Branch, payment of which was made on the 28th ult.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.,

Wm Millward

Director

Mr. Ch. 2d

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mint. San Francisco

Sir

Enclosed please find bill of

lading omitted in my letter of yesterday.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

Wm Millward

Director

Respectfully

Wm Millward

Director

Jno A. Thacher

Chief Clerk

Barrow and Co.

Bankers

Washington D.C.

March 2d

Yours of the 20th ult at hand nugget of Gold, valued at $40, was received at the Mint Feby. 21st and returned to Washington by Harnden Express same day.

Respectfully
Wm Millward
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clerk

Barrow and Co.
Bankers
Washington D.C.

March 4th

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U.S. Treasury

March 2d

Sir

In answer to yours of the 27th ultimo, I shall enclose herewith it will be impossible to give any satisfactory reply to Report of Examination of the Assistant Treasurer and Mint's on passed in the year inquiries, unless we have some idea of the device Office of the Treasurer at the Mint of San Francisco, for the month proposed. We have made large investigations in the subject of Jurisdiction of abrasion of coins (which is greatly overdated) and have had somewhat to do with plans for preventing it.

That there is a simple and inexpensive device which would effectually prevent coin from a very large percentage of its loss we are slow to believe; but still are open to conviction, and ready to make trial. You can inform us of the details, or merely give us an idea of the general principle, without running any risk of an infringement of your patent.

Very respectfully

Wm Hillward,

Director

To

Ignatius Sargent Esq.

Machias Me

for A. Thacher

Chief Clerk

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith Report of Examination of the books, accounts and moneys on hand in the Office of the Treasurer of the Br. Mint San Francisco, for the month of January 1866.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

March 4th 7.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 2d inst, would state that Nickel pennies or pennies of any kind, are not redeemable at the Mint.

Yrs respectfully
Wm Hillward
Director

Mr Mill

To
Mr Magee Chief
Quartermaster
Md.

March 6th 7.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 4th inst. would state that the first legal Cents of cents was in 1793.

The only year in which pennies were not fabricated was in 1815.

Very respectfully

C. McKibbin

Act. Director

per. [illegible]

Chief Clerk

To

E. F. Battershall Esq.

Troy N. Y.

March 6 [illegible]

Sir

In answer to yours of the 4th inst. would state that the first date of the Cents is 1793; the last 1857.

The Mint does not keep specimens of coins in its own Cabinet, and they are usually to be obtained only from coin dealers in the principal cities, and at auction sales.

Perhaps Colburn Esq. President of the Boston Numismatic Society could probably put you in the way of completing your series.

Very respectfully

C. McKibbin

Acty. Director

per [illegible]

Chief Clerk

To

Geo. Eliot

Telegraph Office

Waldoboro Me.

March 6th 7

Gents

Yours of the 4th inst. received.

I am afraid I shall have to trouble you again, for the reason that a duplicate bill has already been filed with the Treasurer's accounts at Washington. Hence the cause of the suspension.

I presume therefore that before the accounts can be settled, a bill precisely similar to the original, not bearing upon it the mark duplicate, and receipted by the firm, must be filed in place of the duplicate.

If you will oblige by sending me such a bill, I think the difficulty will be removed, and the accounts settled.

Very respectfully

[illegible]
Acting Director
[illegible]
[illegible]

To

[illegible] & Co.
Jersey City.

U. S. Mint Philada
March 7th 1867

Sir

In answer to yours of the 2d inst, Enclosed please find Circular giving the information desired

Very respectfully
J. McKibben
Actg. Director
per
Davis

To
C. S. Fillebrown
Asst. Assessors Office
U. S. Internal Revn
3d & 12th Divisions.
1st Distct. S. C.

To
August Schmedtke
445 7th St.
Washington

U. S. Mint Pineada
March 8th 1867.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 7th inst. would state, that the rule of the Mint is not to receive less than would produce $100 in coin.

A gold deposit should not contain less than 8 Karats, and should not have sufficient base metals in it to make it brittle. It should be tough.

Respectfully
J. McKibben
Acty. Director
Per. Davis

To
August Schmedtie
445 7th St.
Washington

March 8th

Sir—

I have to day received your letter authorizing me to transmit certain colonial coins as requested in the accompanying letter of Hon. S. R. Ruggles.

After conferring with officers of the Mint, I feel constrained to urge that this request may not be insisted upon, for the reasons following;

1st. The coins referred to, are for the most part very rare and difficult to procure, and to the American people are of the highest interest; while they are comparatively of little interest to persons abroad. Some of them in fact could not be replaced; and no insurance can save them from the dangers of two voyages across the Atlantic, not to speak of other mishaps. They constitute a very important part of the national museum in the Mint and are seen by many thousands of visitors.

2d. They were secured and placed in the Mint according to a law of Congress, which in its terms make it very doubtful whether they can be lawfully loaned out, or parted with. The act says "specimens of ores and coins to be reserved at the mint." I ask

whether if they are taken out of the Mint, and especially if they should be lost, the law is not contravened.

3d. They would really add nothing to the force of Mr. Ruggles's argument in favor of unifying the coins of all nations. They are nearly all copper coins, and do not by any means represent the actual Colonial specie currency. That currency consisted of gold and silver coins of England, France, Portugal, Spain and Spanish America; and it is but a few years since the Spanish American Silver coins were as much in use here as our own coin.

Then again, what these few copper coins of the colonies (with about three varieties of silver) can do as a "visible illustration of diversity" and its bad effects, is vastly surpassed by the diversity which European Countries can show. Every German or Italian, or Swiss, can bear witness to that. They have only to look at home, to understand the evil of a multifarious currency; not confined to copper but extending to higher values.

4th. Mr. Ruggles presented this suggestion to us while attending Lately at the Annual dessert; but after taking note of the coins, and further consideration

he gave as his opinion that there would be too much risk in taking them out of the Mint. I hope he will again return to that view of the matter, and that the Department will spare us the pain of despoiling our admirable collection for an object which does not seem adequate.

I submit these points to your consideration, and will cheerfully comply with your decision

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
E. M. Gibbins
Actg. Director

To
Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secty. U. S. Treasury

March 9th 7

Robt. B. Swain Esqr.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

I enclose herewith bill of Messrs. Jas. Dixon & Co. for crucibles &c, as requested in your letter of Jany. 24th 1867

Very respectfully

C. McKibben

Actg. Director

per A. H. Lecher Jr.

Chief Clerk

Boston. It is probable that such a catalogue would cost one dollar.

The Mint does not keep any of these [illegible] on hand, except in its own collection.

March 11th

Sir — The above reference will also give you the best account of [illegible]

In answer to your inquiries addressed to Hon. John A. Peters M.C., and by him transmitted to me, I would state that the regular coinage of copper pieces began in 1793 — of silver in 1794 — and of gold in 1795.

We have printed tables of the issue of each denomination, but they do not exactly suit the purposes of coin collectors, because they refer to the issue of quantities, and not of pattern pieces: so that there are some dates out, that are nil in our tables. Such pieces, of course, are extremely rare, and command high prices. We have also found in several instances, that the table is in error, and we have been led by it into mis-statements, which we wish not to be betrayed into again.

The best course to take, is to write to some coin dealer who has ferreted out the whole matter, to send you an auction catalogue, or to give you what information he has. We would name (as most convenient to you) Mr George F. Seavey of Cambridgeport, Boston Mass., or Mr W. Eliot Woodward, of Roxbury

Boston

Boston. It is probable that such a catalogue would cost over dollar.

The Mint does not keep any of these coins on hand, except in its own collection.

The above reference will also give you the best account of the early colonial pieces, which are numerous, and very costly.

Very respectfully

C. Mc Kibben

Acty. Director

per A. Wyatt

Chief Clerk.

A. D. Small Esq.

Newport Maine

March 11th

Sir

In answer to your letter of March 6th, would state that the Mint change for such an assay as Dollars. But the assay of the Mint informs me that the geological character of your region such as to forbid the idea of finding either silver or gold then.

Very respectfully

C. McKibben

Acty. Director

per Dennis

Henry Achenbach Esq.

Montgomery Station

Lancaster Co. Penna.

March 11th 57.

Sir

In answer to your letter of March 6th, would state that the Mint charge for such an assay is five Dollars. But the Assayer of the Mint informs me that the geological character of your region is such as to forbid the idea of finding either silver or gold there.

Very respectfully
C. McKibbin
Acty. Director
per Dais.

To
Henry Achenbach Esq.
Montgomery Station
Lycoming Co. Penna.

March 11th 57.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 9th inst would state that the Mint pays no premium on pennies of any kind, either nickel or copper, nor are they redeemable at the Mint.

There is a premium in the market on Eagle pennies of 1856, but I do not know what it is.

Respectfully &c.
C. McKibbin
Acty. Director
per Mail

To
A. S. Miles Esq.
No. 12 E. Lombard St.
Baltimore Md

March 16th 7.

Sir

James Pollock no longer occupying the position of Director of the Mint, I herewith return draft drawn to his order.

Please make the same payable to order of "Director of the Mint", and your order will receive attention.

Very respectfully
C. McKibben
Actg. Director
per mch.

To
Cook and Mitchell
Maumee City
Lucas Co.
Ohio

March 16th 7

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

March 16th 7

I am in receipt of your letter of

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

The original draft for $7716.00 payable in coin (proceeds of sweeps) was presented this day without the duplicate. The Cashier of the Bank that held it for collection refused to certify to a true copy of the same & give a receipt for the payment, consequently the draft was not paid.

Very respectfully

C. McKibben

Acting Director

per A. Thacher

Chief Clerk.

March 16th 7

Robt. B. Swain Esq

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of February 16th 1867, enclosing the following papers, having reference to the annual settlement of your Branch at the close of the year 1866: viz

1. Synoptical Statement of the settlement of the Melter & Refiner
2. " " " " " Corner
3. Statement of the character of the Gold & Silver Bullion returned by the Melter & Refiner & Corner at the settlement

Also yours of the 15th ult. enclosing Express Co's. receipt for Assay Coins for December 1865 & January 1866. The Coins were received at the Mint on the 15th inst.

Very respectfully

C. McKibben

Actg. Director

per A. Tacher

Chief Clerk.

Mch 18th 7

Henry Kip Esq
Supt U. S. Ex Co
Buffalo N.Y.

Not having heard from you for sometime concerning the transportation of bullion from Denver City, according to promise in your last letter, I beg leave to call your attention to the subject again and request the favor of an Early answer.

Very Respectfully &c
C. M. Kibbin
Actg Director

per A. Hacker Jr
Chief Clerk

March 19th 1867

Sir

In answer to yours of the 16th inst. would state that the Coins desired cannot be procured at the Mint.

Silver proof sets of 1867, embracing the dollar, half, quarter, ten, five and three cent piece in silver, and five, three, two and one cent piece in nickel, can be procured at the Mint, at the price of Three Dollars payable in coin.

The Mint does not sell single pieces. The coins you desire may be obtained at Wm. Edwd. Cogin 101 Williams St, N.Y., or Mr. W. Elliot Woodward of Roxbury Boston.

Very respectfully

C. McKibben

Actg. Director

per mcd.

To

Eugene Williken Esq.

Boston Mass.

March 20th 7

Gent.

In answer to yours of the 18th inst, would state that there is no premium paid by the Mint for Eagle pennies, nor are they redeemable at this Institution. Eagle pennies of 1856, are, we believe commanding a premium among coin collectors, and this may have given rise to the report you have heard.

Respectfully &c.

C. McKibben

Actg. Director

per Davis.

To

J. H. Leben & Bro.

S. W. Cor. Lexington & Fremont Ct.

Baltimore, Md.

March 20th 7

Sir

In answer to yours of the 18th inst, would state that the Mint pays no premium on nickel pennies, nor are they redeemable at this Institution.

Very respectfully

C. McKibben

Actg. Director

per Mr. D.

To

Mason Rogers Esq.

Baltimore

Md.

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Sir:

In reply to yours of the 18th would say. It is hardly probable that the specimen contains silver. However if you wish it analyzed by sending it with $5 it will be tested and a report sent you.

Very Respy
C. M. Ribben
Actg Director
per Cathacher
Chf Clk

To
W. L. Osgood
Oil Rock
West Co
West Va

Very respectfully
C. M. Ribben
Actg Director
per Cathacher
Chf Clk

To
Wm C. Townsend Esq.
Cashier 1st Nat. Bk.
Providence R. I.

March 24th 7

Geo. W. Lane Esq

Supt. Br. [illegible] E.T.

March 24th 7.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 9th inst. enclosing [illegible] of operations of your Branch for month of February 1867.

Sir

Your favor of the 21st inst. at hand.

Draft for $500. on 4th Natl. Bk. was not found enclosed, as stated.

Upon receipt of it, your name will be entered on the books, for the amount of coin ordered.

Very respectfully
C. M. Kibben
Acty Director
per C. Thacher Jr
Chf Clk

To
Wm C. Townsend Esq.
Cashier 1st Natl. Bk.
Providence R. I.

March 24th 7

March 25th 7

Geo. W. Lane Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. Denver C.T.

The last contract made for the supply of Nickel was at a named price for absolute pure Sir nickel subject to a test by the Assayer of the Mint.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 9th inst, enclosing Statement of operations of your Branch for month of February 1867.

Very respectfully

C. M. Ritten

Acta Director

Verifier

Chief Clerk.

Acta Director

A. Thacher Jr

Chief Clerk

To

Mess. Van Wart, McCoy, & Co

March 25th 7

Sirs

The last contract made for the supply of Nickel was at a named price for absolute pure nickel subject to a test by the Assayer of the Mint.

I write to ask if in your proposals of the 18th inst. you agree to deliver Nickel 100 fine, (pure) the copper to be paid for at the Market price in currency?

This is the only way the Mint contracts for Nickel.

Very respectfully
C. McKibbin
Acting Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
Messrs. Jan Ward, McCoy, & Co

March 26 7

Gents

In answer to yours of the 25th would State that there is no premium on pennies, either Copper or Nickel, Neither do we take pennies for 5 or 3 cent pieces.

Very Respfly
C. McCibben
act. Director
Per Vogel

To
Freese & Irwain
206 West St
Trenton
N.J.

March 26 7

Gents

In answer to yours of the 25th I would State that the Mint pays no premium on pennies of any kind either Copper or Nickel, neither are they redeemable at the Mint.

Respect Your
C. McCibben
act Director
Per Vogel

To
J. D. Mason
114 Pratt St
Balt

March 26th 7

Sir

I return herewith Cert. Dep. for $1000, received in your favor of the 25th inst. Please send me a check on this City or New York for the amount, and your order shall receive attention. If I receive the Certificate, I know of no way, by which I can reimburse myself.

Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
C. N. Kibben
Actg. Director
per M.V.D.

To
Third Natl. Bk.
Springfield Mass.

March 29th 7

March 29th 7

Gents

In answer to your letter of the 23d inst. addressed to Hon. F. E. Spinner Treasurer U.S., and by him [illegible] to me, would state that [illegible] the edge; it [illegible] cannot be [illegible] if there be [illegible] of the [illegible] coins of 1867 can be furnished you if [illegible] Mint, [illegible] the [illegible] must invariably be sent in [illegible] and for gold purchases [illegible] to the amount of the coin ordered, must [illegible]

Very Respectfully
C. McKibben
Actg. Director
per M.D.

To
W. F. Thornton & Son
~~Lawrenceville~~ Ill.
Shelbyville

C. McKibben
Actg. Director
per M.D.

March 29th 7

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 25th inst. addressed to Hon. F. E. Spinner Treasurer U. S., and by him referred to me, would state that coins of 1866 cannot be purchased at the Mint.

Coins of 1867 can be furnished you, if desired. The rule of the Mint is that the money must invariably be sent in advance — and for gold purchases, gold to the amount of the coin ordered, must be sent in payment.

Very respectfully
C. McKibben
Actg. Director
per mvd.

J. W. Van Sickle
Gallipolis Ills.

March 30th

Sir

The vacancy in the Directorship of the Mint has occasioned some delay in replying to your letter.

An iron band, around a coin of gold or silver would of course afford some protection against wear. But the principal abrasion is not on the edge; it is on the two broad surfaces, and even if these be sunk below the rim, still they are exposed to the friction of the hand, and to other causes of waste.

But a number of still stronger objections to your scheme, so readily occur to any reflecting mind that I wonder they should have been overlooked. It does not seem necessary to dwell upon all of these when any one is conclusive. A rim of base metal would cut us off from some of the surest means of detecting a counterfeit. It would spoil the weight and the specific gravity; and it would afford just such a covering as is needed, by those who practice the most dangerous kind of deception, the filling in with platinum, between genuine disks of gold.

Another fatal objection is, that as all coins

(Except the small silver) are an article of commerce, they are constantly carried from one country to another, and as soon as they touch a foreign shore, are sent to the melting-pot, and the coining-press, to have new names and devices, and if the workmen had to be employed in first tearing off the old ones, it would cause much annoyance, and a serious additional Expense.

As to the Evil you propose to abate, by this Expedient, it is of much less account than you suppose. Even when specie circulates, it is very much shielded (Except the small silver) by the abundant use of paper money. And the fact just mentioned, that coins are constantly in course of being Exported and remelted, so that it is hard to find an old piece, may show you that they do not get much chance to wear away. An Eagle, or a half-dollar, having lost a cent or two perhaps, goes abroad, is taken by weight, re-coined, and after awhile comes back as a sovereign or guilder, is taken by weight, and comes out a new coin, with its legal weight maintained.

Everything that is to be used must wear; and it would be lamentable for trade and industry, for mines and for cotton mills, if there

not so. All that we can aim at, is to make the abrasion moderate and slow; and this has been studied in the improved shapes and alloys of coins.

We have had other devices pressed upon us, for saving gold and silver. One invention proposed to harden the metals by mixing iron with them: certainly an idea more opposed to mettalurgy, than to put the iron outside.

I need hardly add, that the labor of thus banding the coins, would seriously add to the expense, even if buttons are cheaply made in that form: and I imagine that the very idea of a gold or silver coin in an iron hoop, would encounter a storm of popular satire or indignation.

In conclusion, I must inform you that the idea is not new, having been tried in England about 20 years ago, upon the silver penny and half penny with a copper rim. But it never was seriously entertained: at any rate, the experiment was enough.

Very respectfully

C. McKibben

Actg. Director

per A. Kaeber Jr

Chief Clerk

To

Ignatius Sargent Esq.

Marshals Me.

April 1st

Thos. Thayer Esq. Collector

[illegible]

Sir

The usual monthly count & examination made at the [illegible] of business Saturday the 30th ult. exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, viz:

In Gold	$408.420.18
Silver	65.744.04
Ordinary &c.	11.143.50
Cent	114.590.62
Dr. M. San Francisco	19.406.62
Dr. [illegible]	905.75
Total	620 219 80

[illegible] with the balances as stated on that Officer's books of account.

Upon examination, I [illegible] the general condition and working of the Mint to be [illegible] in a [illegible] & satisfactory manner by the [illegible] of their respective Departments.

Very respectfully,

Geo. [illegible] Supt.

April 1st 1841

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

Pursuant to law and the regulations of the Department, I made examination at the close of business, Saturday, the 30th ult of the books, accounts, and monies on hand in the office of the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, and found a balance of $6.021.804.93, which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

In the foregoing the following was counted as cash, viz:

Certificates of Temporary Loan $13.086.26

Very respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

[illegible]

2678

April 3d 7

Sir

In answer to yours of the 29th ult. would state that the number of pennies coined in 1858 was 23.400.00, their value $234.000- and that none of that [illegible] was withdrawn from [illegible]ation.

Pennies of 1858, are of the same value as those of 1857-58.

Very respectfully
A. McKibben
Acty Director
per mail

To
Fred. F. Day Esq.
[illegible] 6295
Chicago Ills.

C. Lew Dunlap
Baltimore April 3d 7

Sir

In answer to yours of the 2d inst. would state that pennies are not redeemable at the mint.

Some U.S. pennies are very rare, they embrace mostly those of early coinage- from 1793 up to 1830- although there are many dates between the years mentioned that would not bring more than their nominal value. The proper way to do, would be to write to Mr. Edward Cogan- New York- for a catalogue of his latest sales of coins- by looking over it, you can find the selling value of any coin you desire. The only way to dispose of them would be by selling them at Auction, Or to some numismatist.

Very respectfully
A. McKibben
Direc-
per mail

April 4th 7

Sir

I send you by return mail, the Annual Report of the Director U.S. Mint for the fiscal year Ending June 30 '67, which will give you all the information desired on the subject of your letter of the 3d inst.

Very respectfully

J. McKibben
acty. director
per Davis.

To
W. W. Mann Esq.
New York.

April 4th 7

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary U. S. Treasury

Sir

I enclose herewith Requisition of Supt. of Mr. Mt. Denver for the second Quarter of the fiscal year 1867 for $7675 00/100, with my approval and request that it may receive early attention.

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

E. M. Cobbin

Actg. Director

April 5th

April 4th

Geo. W. Lane Esqr.

Supt. Br. Mt. Denver

Sir

Your Requisition

of Febry. 20th

was received this date, and forwarded to the Department, under the

January 1864

request that it receive early attention.

Very respectfully

C. McKibben

Actg. Govr.

per

Chief Clerk.

April 5th 62

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of Feby. 20th. enclosing Reports of your Branch for the month of January 1862.

Also yours of Feby. 28th informing me of the shipment of 149 bbls of Assts and enclosing Bill of Lading & Treasurer's Statement of the same.

Very respectfully

C. McKibben

Actg. Director

per [illegible]

Chief Clerk

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Apl. 6th 7.

Sir

Enclosed please find circular giving all the information desired on the subject of your letter of the 4th inst.

Very respectfully
C. McKibben
actg. Director
per mov.

To
A. H. Potter Esq.
P. M. River Point
R. I.

Apl. 6th 7.

Sir

Your favor of the 4th inst. at hand. As I informed you in my previous letter, "pennies are not redeemable at the Mint," neither are they received in exchange for the new five cent coin.

Very respectfully
C. McKibben
actg. Director
per A. Hach
Chief Clerk.

To
C. Lew Dunlap Esq.
Baltimore, Md.

Apr 6th

Sir

In reply to yours of the 3d inst would state that the mint pays no premium on nickel pennies, nor are they redeemable at the mint.

Very respectfully
J. McRobbin
Actg Director
per
mind

To
J. Wilde & Bro.
Iowa City
Iowa

April 6th

Robt B. Mason Esq

Sir

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that in reply to your [illegible] the 3d inst. [illegible] pail at should state that the mint pays no premium on nickel pennies, nor are they redeemable at the mint.

Very respectfully
C. McKeehan Libbon
Acty Director
per
Chief Clerk.

To
J. Wilde & Bro.
Iowa City
Iowa

April 6th

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Bp. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the draft for $7716, (proceeds of sweeps) was paid at the Mint this day, on surrender of duplicate drafts

Very respectfully
C. McKibben
Actg. Director
per A. Thacher Jr.
Chief Clerk.

Apl. 5th

Hon T. E. Spencer
Treas. U. S.

Sir

I herewith Enclose the report of Mr. J. R. Eckfeldt, assayer U. S. Mint, in relation to the silver bullion received from you some days since.

The proceeds of all deposits are payable in kind, unless otherwise ordered by the Secty of the Treasury.

If you desire gold coin, please obtain the authority of the Secty. and on receipt I will forward gold coin for the amt.

Very respectfully
(Sigd) C. McKibben
actg. Treasurer

Apl. 8. 7.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 3d inst. would state that the rule of the Mint, is not to receive less than would produce 100. in coin.

The charges are ½ p.c. for coinage. There is also on all deposits at the Mint ½ p.c. tax.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Per mod.

J. L. Gutermann Esq.
Tanning Mich.

Apl. 8th 7

Sir

In answer to yours of the 5th inst. Enclosed please find Circular, giving full information.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Per mod.

To
C. S. Briggs Esq.
Banker
Amboy
Ills.

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April 8th

Robt. B. Swain Esq.

Supt. Br. Mt. San Francisco

Sir

I am in receipt of your fr of of the 13th ult. enclosing the following Reports for the month of February 1867.

1st. Statement of Deposits & Coinage

2 " " Localities from whence deposits were rece

3 List of Unpaid Warrants

4 Condition of the Branch at the close of the month

5th Certificate of the transfer of the Banking Charge.

Very respectfully

A. R. Linderman

Director

Apl 8th 7.

Sir

Our answer to yours of the 6th inst. would state that pennies are not redeemable at the Mint — neither are they received in Exchange for any other coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director
per. M.A.D.

To
Natl. Mechanics Bank
Baltimore Md.

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April 8th 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of "The Mineral Resources of the United States" for which please accept my thanks.—

Very Respectfully,
Your Friend & Obt Servt
H R Linderman
Director.

April 8th 77

Hon R. M. Taylor
Comptroller of the Treasury,

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 6th instant, and my Commission as Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant.
A. R. Linderman
Director.

April 8. 7.

Hon Hugh L. McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that I received this day from the Comptroller, my Commission as Director of the Mint, and have assumed the duties of the office.

With great respect.
Your Most & obt. Servt.
A. R. Linderman
Director

April 9 7

Sir:

I herewith return the statements received in yours of the 6th inst with the numbers put in their respective places opposite the amounts, as per your request.

The Coin will be forwarded to your address by Adams Express to this day

I have the honor to be
Very Resp'y
Yr obt Sr't
H L Linderman
Director

To
Hon T. E. Spinner
Treasurer of U. S.
Washington
D. C.

April 10. 7.

Mr. H. W. Mothers.
Wallsburg Jb Va.
Sir.

I have your favor of 8th inst. The newspaper Articles cannot refer to the regular issue of the cent (not penny) of 1858. In that year a set of trial cents was struck, made up by an interchange of two kinds of Eagles, four kind of Wreaths and an Indian head. Several of these sets are in the hands of Collectors, and when sold at auction the cents of this series have bro't from 85 cents to four dollars each. They are very rare. Respectfully

H R Linderman
Director

April 10 7.

C. H. Davis Esq.
U S N Observatory,
Washington. D C.
Dr Sir,

I have your favor of the 9th inst.

The Wreath of wheaten blades and ears on the two cent piece, was taken from Nature by the Engraver of the Mint. We cannot refer to any Work for a similar design.

Respectfully Yours
H R Linderman
Director

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April 11 7.

Messrs L P. Morris Nd.
Port Richmond, Iron Works,
Phila Pa.

Gentlemen,

The large Engine put up by You, in the Mint, some Years ago, is not in a satisfactory condition. Will You please send a competent Engineer to examine the same and confer With me on the subject.

Respectfully Yours,
H R Linderman
Director

April 11th 1857

P. L. Carling Esq.
Cashier Scranton Pa.

Dear Sir,

Your letter addressed to my predecessor Mr. Millward, has been received. There is a provision by law for the redemption of the 5 cent coin, but not for pieces of lower denomination.

Very Respectfully Yours
H R Linderman
Director

April 11. 7.

Mr Charles H. Crowell.
Chicago. Ill,

Sir,

I have your letter of 8th inst. There is no premium paid on the cents of 1857 & 1858. The Mint does not receive back its issue of cents. Provision however is made for the redemption of the five cent coin.

Respectfully Yours
H R Linderman
Director.

down at the New York Assay Office and the bars sent here for coinage. The average fineness was 902½ - Single specimens vary from 411 to 415 grains. The average Mint value may be stated at 105 5/10 cents; a [illegible] as may be.

April 11. 7.

Wm. R. Whitaker Esq.
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
New Orleans La.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing impression of gold "twenty pesos" of Maximilian. We have seen but one of these coins, and that was coined expressly for a gentleman of Baltimore, who sent to the City of Mexico for it. Its weight was 521¼ grains or 1.086 ounce. Of course we could not assay it, but the weight precisely agrees with an adding-on to the doubloon, of one-fourth; so that we may be pretty sure its fineness does not exceed 875 thousandths, which would make the value $19.64. Without respect to Mint deduction for re-coinage.

The Maximilian Silver dollar (or pesos) is likely to be much less of a curiosity - Several thousand pieces were lately melted

down at the New York Assay Office and the bars sent here for coinage. The average fineness was 902½ - Single specimens vary from #11 to 415 grains. The average Mint value may be stated at 105 5/10 Cents, as near as may be.

Very Respectfully,
A. R. Linderman
Director.

April 11. 7.

Mr George B. Simpson
360 L. Street, Washington. D.C.

Sir,

I have your letter of Yesterday.

The act of January 1837 prescribes the limits of allowance for Wastage, in these terms: "The Melter & Refiners Waste shall not exceed two thousandths of the whole Amount of gold and silver that had been delivered to him. The Chief Coiner's waste is limited to two thousandths on Silver, and one and a half thousandths on gold."

But these limitations afford no guide to the actual wastage, which in fact is so variable, and so subject to contingencies, at many Mints, that there is no way of establishing a rule. Frequently it happens, in the adjustment of these accounts, that the deficit is remitted

or nothing at all, or that there is even a slight over running - Actually, there must be a loss; but there are incidental minute gains or compensations, which have some effect in masking the Wastage, and rendering its ratio uncertain -

It would take too much time to explain these details, and I do not know that I can fairly be called upon to do it, except upon official requisition, for public uses.

Respectfully Yours,
H. B. Linderman
Director.

Apl 13 7

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 10th [illegible] I would say that the Mint does not sell Coin.

I cannot inform you where you would be able to purchase the copper cent prices you desire.

Very Respy
H B Lindermann
Director

To
[illegible]
Sinclairville
Chautauqua Co
N.Y.

Apl 15 7

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Dear Sir

[illegible] to order of Director [illegible] Mint [illegible]

Very Respy
H B Lindermann
Director

To
Capt [illegible]
Mansfield
Mich
Director
Athacher
Chief Clerk

Office
Comptroller
Washington D.C.

Apl 15 7

Sir

I herewith return Opt on 4th Nat Bk N.Y. for $500 received in yours of 11th inst the same being payable to the order of Hon Wm Millward, who retired from the position of Director Mch 4th.

Please make it payable to order of Director U.S. Mint & return.

Very Respy
R. H. Linderman
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
chf clk

To
Cashr City Nat Bk
Grand Rapids
Mich

April 15 7

Dear Sir

Your favor of yesterday finds me confined to my room from a severe sprain of the right knee & leg, received in leaping from a wagon to escape a threatened accident at a Rail Road Station - I hope to be able to go to the Mint in a day or two.

I regret to say that it will be impossible to supply you with complete copies of the reports you refer to, except for the last twenty five or thirty years. While I was Director's Clerk I examined [illegible] and with much care all the records and papers of the Director's and Treasurer's Office from the organization of the Mint to establishment of Union to 1852 - During this investigation I selected all the Director's Reports

that I could find in complete form, and subsequently had them bound. This volume I will loan you for such time as you may require it: and as far as we are able to supply copies we will do so - as soon as I am able to get up to the Mint.

Some of the earlier reports are very interesting and are useful even at this day to those entrusted with Mint affairs - The officers of the Mint in the earlier days of its history had many serious obstacles & difficulties to contend with but they were met with much ability - Dr Patterson was an able man and the first Director who reduced things to order and established a system and discipline in the institution

Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
H R Linderman
Director of the Mint

Jno Jay Knox Esq
Office of the
Comptroller of the Currency
Washington D.C.

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April 18. 7.

Mr C. Kobbins
104 John St. N.Y.

Dear Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 9th inst. I desire you to inform me whether you mean $1.35 for 97 pa. Nickel or for the quantity of Nickel actually found by the Mint assay in the mass or alloy sent.—

Respectfully Yours.
H R Lenderman
Director.

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April 18th 7

I have received this morning a
osit of gold, supposed to come from Baltimore,
supposed to be the one referred to in
r letter of the 14th inst.

It weighs 22.08 ounces. Deposits should
ways have the name of the person sending
n plainly written on the package, and in-
ctions should always accompany the
osit.

Very respectfully
H. H. Linderman
Director
per C. Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

Pillman Esq.
Milford Copper & Gold Mining Co.
Baltimore, Md.

April 18th 7

Cont.

The Director desires you to send him a report of the examination made by your foreman of our principal Engine.

Your prompt attention will oblige

Yrs Respy
A. Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

Messrs L. P. Morris & Co.

Chief Clerk

Jno Eggers Esq.
Montgomery
Ala.

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April 18th 1857

Sir

I have received this morning a deposit of gold, supposed to come from Baltimore, and supposed to be the one referred to in your letter of the 14th inst.

It weighs 22.05 ounces. Deposits should always have the name of the person sending them plainly written on the package, and instructions should always accompany the deposit.

Very respectfully,
W. R. Linderman
Director
per Thacher
Chief Clerk

Edwd Pittman Esq.
Secty. Clifford Copper & Gold Mining Co.
Baltimore, Md.

April 18th 1857

Sir

Yours of the 13th inst. at hand. A deposit of gold, corresponding with the description contained in your letter, weighing 7.54 ounces, was received at the Mint this morning.

Very respectfully,
W. R. Linderman
Director
per Thacher
Chief Clerk

John Eggert Esq.
Montgomery
Ala.

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Telegram

April 18 7

Robert P Swain
Superintendent U.S. Branch Mint
San Francisco - Cal.

Crucibles Covers and Stirrers shipped by Many & Packer. Other articles appear not to have been shipped. Will forward at once. These orders will receive prompt attention hereafter.

Telegraph

H P Linderman
Director

Apl 19 7

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst received.

Please find enclosed the list of Medals &c with prices attached.

To
Geo M Elliott Esq
Lowell
Mass

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

Apl 19 7

Sir

Please find enclosed a circular giving you the necessary information as to the manner of obtaining small coin.

To
C Kelley Esq
Pierceville
Ripley Co
Ind

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

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April 19

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th ult. enclosing Express Co's receipt for Assay Coins for the month of February 1867.

The coins were received at the Mint this day.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

Robt B Swain Esq
Supt U S Br Mint
San Francisco

Cal

To
Mess E M Bruce & Co
Augusta
Ga

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

April 19

Gent:

Your favor of the 15th is rec. also the deposit from the Express Co.

It is a violation of the rule of the Mint to receive gold with the quicksilver not burnt off. Instructions should always be sent with a deposit. The other deposit referred to is in the possession of the Express Co without instructions. The name of [illegible] sending a deposit should be plainly marked on the package & also the place from which it is sent.

To
Mess E M Bruce & Co
Augusta
Ga.

Very Respy
H. D. Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

April 19 7

Sir: In reply to yours of the 13th inst. I would say that it will be impossible to supply you with the proof 5¢ pieces you desire. The coinage ceased some months since & have all been distributed.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Chief Clerk

To
Jno. Bronson
13 Chamber of Commerce
Chicago
Ills

April 19 7

Sir: I will endeavour to ship your coin within four weeks.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Chf Clk

To
B. Cooper Esq
Treasr
Belmont Co.
St Clairsville
Ohio

30506

(Telegram)

April 20 1

George F Downing Esq
Supt U S Assay Office
New York

Purchase and send immediately to Branch Mint San Francisco on Steamer by way of Panama, two tons Copper suited for alloy with gold and silver ingots - Answer by telegraph -

H R Linderman
Director

Sent 9.10 A M

Ap 20 47

Sir:

In reply to yours of 18th inst I would say if you will remit three dollars in Coin I will send you a Proof Set of Silver & Copper Coins of this year.

If you desire a gold set it will Cost you Forty three dollars additional, in Coin

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chf Clk

To
C P Williams Esq
Nat Albany Exchange Bk
Albany
N.Y.

Ap 20 47

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 17th inst enclosing Dft on N.Y. for 100 payable to the order of Adams Express Co

I herewith return Dft which make payable to order of Director of U S Mint and send me and it shall have attention

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chf Clk

R S Fisher Esq
Cashr
Nat Bk
Union City
Ind

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Apl 20 4

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 10th inst enclosing receipt for $50 sent you in Error

Our Coin deliveries now are made on orders received four weeks since By the time Mr Cadwalladers order is reached it may be but three weeks. If he objects to waiting that length of time please advise me & I will return the Amount.

Very Respy
H C Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Chf Clk

To
S D Jordan Esqr
Cashr
Milton Pa

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to place the copper on the California Steamship which leaves New York to day — The Superintendent answered "too late to send by to days Steamer" — This necessarily delays shipment until May 1st prox. the next sailing day of the California Steamers.

It is not my intention to trouble you often with matters of this kind but I fear that the Br. Mint may be unable to obtain any copper for alloy, in which case the coinage would have to be temporarily suspended should this unfortunately result. It is proper that you should understand where to place the responsibility.

Respectfully you obt. sert.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

April 20. 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir

In my letter of 18th inst. reference was made to certain supplies ordered in July last by the Superintendent of the Branch Mint San Francisco through the Director of the Mint and which were omitted to be forwarded. I have now to state that late last evening a despatch was received from the Superintendent requesting two tons of copper for alloy for gold and silver to be sent immediately via Panama. Early this morning I requested Mr Dunning, Supt. of the U.S. Assay Office N.Y. by telegraph,

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April 20. 7

Hon Hugh McCulloch

April 20. 7

Robt B. Swain Esq

Supt. U.S. Br. Mint San Francisco

Sir

Your telegram of 17th inst. requesting two tons of copper to be sent by Steamer via Panama, was received at ten o'clock last evening. Early this morning, I telegraphed the Supt. of the U.S. Assay Office at New York, to make the coinage is shipment for one immediately — pts. He answered "too late to send by Steamer of to day." We will send it (the copper) by Steamer of May 1st. prox.

Respectfully Yours
H. Linderman
Director.

first of July, at which time, the Mint will be in receipt of considerable deposits of Gold bullion from Montana and Idaho.

April 20. 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

The large Engine which drives all the rolling and cutting Machinery at the Mint, being found in a defective condition, it was deemed proper to employ Messrs. L. P. Morris Towne & Co. who originally constructed the Engine, to examine and test the same. A copy of their report enclosed herewith, contains the result of the Examination & test.

The daily Nickel Coinage is now about twice as much as the receipts of U. S. Notes, for the same time, for exchange therefor. and if we can maintain the present rate of coinage for about Sixty days, we will be able to produce an amount sufficient to pay off the accumulated orders (about $100,000) and not pretty fully the wants of the public for change. This, will bring us to near the

first of July, at which time, the Mint will be in receipt of considerable deposits of Gold bullion from Montana and Idaho. We can then run with the small engine, Machinery, appurtenant to Coin the Gold and Silver bullion, and while this is being done, suspend the Metal Coinage for two or three months, at which time, Messrs Morris Bowne & Co. think the large Engine can be overhauled and put in complete Repair. This plan will prevent the inconvenience which would result to the public, if we were to stop operations at this time, for the Repairs referred to.

I have the honor to be
With great Respect,
Your Ob't Servant
A. R. Linderman
Director.

Apl 22 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of [illegible] I would say that the [illegible] will make an assay for gold or silver for five dollars ($5).

If a full analysis is required, the price will be determined by the amount of time & labor required.

[illegible]

A. H. Woodworth
Las Mesilla
New Mexico

[illegible]
H. B. Linderman
Director

Apl 22 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of [illegible] I would say that [illegible] is a gold [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible] are [illegible] than [illegible] other [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
Brooklyn
N.Y.

[illegible] Resp.
H. B. Linderman
Director

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Apl 22 7

Gent

I am in receipt of your 10th inst.

There is no provision made by law for the reception of coin of a lower denomination than 5¢

Very Respy

H Robinson

Director

To

Kramer Co

Chicago

Apl 22 4

I

The enclosed 5¢ piece received in yours of 17th inst. is genuine.

The omission of the rays between the stars was made about the first of Jany by order of the Secy of Treasy.

To

H W Robinson Esq

Brownsville

Fayette Co

Pa

Very Respy

H Robinson

Director

April 22 [illegible]

Sir

On assuming the duties of the Directorship of the U. S. Mint, & on receipt of your telegraph, I discovered that the Bill of Lading, for Crucible &c had not been sent you. I herewith enclose it. - Shipped per Mgr. E Packer Nov 16/66

Very Respy

A. R. Linderman

Director

To
Robt. B. Swain Esq.,
Supt.,
Pr. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.,

Ap 22 7

Sir

A deposit has been delivered to the Mint by the Express Co purporting to come from the Bastard [illegible] La Crosse Wis [illegible] 9.85 ounces

The same when coined will be delivered to the Adams Express Co with your letter of instructions

Van Steenwyck Esq
Chest
Batavian Bk
La Crosse
Wis

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director

Ap 22 7

Gent

Yours of the 19th inst received this day.

The regulations of the Mint require U S Notes, or a dft on Philada or NY payable to the order of the Director of the U S Mint to be deposited when application is made. The coin will be shipped in about four weeks from receipt of order

Very Resp
H. R. Linderman
Director

Mess
Winne Ford & Clark
Troy
NY

April 22. 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven Dollars, payable out of the appropriation for the support of this institution, as follows:

Salaries,	$8,243.75
Wages,	31,250.00
Deposit of February 9th 1867 in Treasury of U.S. and arising from Mint charges for examination of ores plate &c, and available by law for the support of the Mint	363.25
	$39,857.00

As the funds embraced in the above requisition, will be required in part at the close of the Month. I will thank you to cause the draft to be forwarded in all this Week.

Respectfully your obt servant
H. R. Linderman Director

April 22. 7.

Chambers McKibbin Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.

Sir.

The large business transactions of the Assr. Treasury, at New York, renders it expedient that the orders from there for five cent coin, should be filled, as far as practicable on the day of their receipt or ~~at furthest~~ on the day after:—

Very Respectfully
J. R. Lindermann
Director.

It is my intention to meet fully the ~~[illegible]~~ of the Government offices, particularly one so important to the public as the Treasury at New York.—

Very Respectfully,
J. R. Lindermann
Director

April 22. 7.

H. H. Vandyck Esq.,
Asst. Treasurer U. S. N. Y.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 20th inst. and have issued an order for the prompt transmission of coin on your orders therefor. All applications are necessarily registered, and the blank sent, I suppose, the usual printed circular letter stating same. Should a delay of more than ten days occur in receiving the 5 ct. coin please advise this Office. It is my intention to meet fully the wants of the Government Offices, particularly one so important to the public as the Treasury at New York. —

Very Respectfully,
J. R. Lindermann
Director

Apl 22 7

Telegram

Dated San Francisco – Apl. 7. 1867

Recd. at Phila. Apl. 19th

To Director of the Mint

Philad.

No. 2 reply to yours of the 1st inst. I have to state that your order for small coin was filled & shipped on the 1st inst.

To First Nat'l Bk. Dubuque Iowa

Henry Lesky
J. R. Bussman
Director

Apl 21st 1867

Telegram

Dated San Francisco – Apl. 7. 1867

Recd. at Phila. Apl. 19th

To Director of the Mint

Philad.

No. 2 reply to yours of the 1st inst. I have to state that your order for small coin was filled & shipped on the 1st inst.

To First Nat'l Bk. Dubuque Iowa

Henry Lesky
J. R. Bussman
Director

Telegram

San Francisco, Apl. 15th 1867

Recd. at Phila. Apl. 17th

To Director of the Mint

Did you ship Crucibles, Nitre, Rosin, Corrosive Sublimate, and Copper by Mary E. Packer as ordered July 23d 1866 – No bills of Lading or statement received.

(Sign'd) R. B. Swain

Supt.

Telegram

Dated San Francisco – Apl. 7. 1867

Rec'd. at Phil. Apl. 19th

To Director of the Mint

Philad'a

Ship Copper received by Mary E. Packer.

Send immediately on Steamer, by the way of Panama, two tons Copper suited for alloy, with gold and silver, ingots

R. D. Swain

Supt.

Telegram.

San Francisco, Apl. 15th 1867

Rec'd. at Phila. Apl. 17th

To Director of the Mint.

Did you ship Crucibles, Nitre, Rosin, Corrosive Sublimate, and Copper by Mary E. Packer as ordered July 25th 1866– No bills of Lading or Statement received.

(Sigd) R. D. Swain

Supt

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Telegram

Ny. Apl. 21st 1867

July 19th 1866.

To H. R. Linderman

Director U.S. Mint

Order for copper too late for this day's steamer. Next Steamer May first.

Geo. F. Dunning

Supt.

200 No. 8 Crucibles
200 " 10 "
200 " 12 "
100 " 16 "
100 " 20 "
150 " 35 "
150 " 50 "
100 " 50 Pot Covers
100 " 35 "
150 Black Lead Stirrers
600 Pound of best refined nitre
500 " " Corrosive Sublimate
2 Barrels of Rosin
3 Pots of Copper suitable for alloy of gold and silver ingots.

Very respectfully

(Sig'd) J. M. Eckfeldt

M. & R.

Melter & Refiners Office

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U. S. Br. Mt. San Francisco
July 19th 1866.

R. B. Swain Esq.
Supt.

Sir

The following is a requisition for articles wanted in the Melter & Refiners Dept; the crucibles must be of the best material and of good thickness.

200 No. 8 Crucibles
200 " 10 "
200 " 12 "
100 " 16 "
100 " 20 "
150 " 35 "
150 " 50 "
100 " 50 Pot Covers
100 " 35 "
150 Black Lead Stirrers
600 Pound of best refined nitres
500 " " Corrosive Sublimate
2 Barrels of Rosin
3 Pots of Copper suitable for alloy of gold and silver ingots

Very respectfully
(Sig'd) J. M. Eckfeldt
M. & R.

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Gent.

You will please fill the following order for the Br. Mt. San Francisco, the articles to be securely packed and shipped via Cape Horn as follows

200 No. 8 Crucibles
200 " 10 "
200 " 12 "
100 " 16 "
100 " 20 "
150 " 35 "
150 " 50 "
100 " 50 "
100 " 50 Pot Cover
100 " 35 " "
150 Black Lead Stirrers

Send bill for crucibles &c, and bills of lading in triplicate to us as usual for payment.

Yours Truly.

Signed J. S. Pollock
Director

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April 8th 7

Copy.

Addressed to Messrs Orving Van Wart & Co.
C. Robbins N.Y.

I will thank you to inform me by return mail the price at which Nickel ruled from the 1st of January last 1867 to the 8th of that month. Also the present price. I refer to pure nickel.

(Signd) H. C. Lindeman
Director

the Branch Mint at San Francisco in relation
Lessness on their part in Melting would be followed by
dismissal from the Mint. April 18th 7

Hon. Thos. McCulloch much satisfaction to be able to report
a Secretary of the Treasury, our operations. The daily coin-
age of the Nickel Cent Sir been more than doubled
and the operations are going. On assuming the duties of the
Direct Ship on the 6th inst. I found things working so
badly in the Coining Department that I deemed it ex-
pedient to call to my aid the advice of several Experienced
persons not connected with the Mint. I consulted Franklin
Bale Lady Chief Coiling Mr. Sellers the distinguished
Engineer Mr. Matthews, and Mr. Brown who originally experimented
the effect of the Coining Presses. The results of this ex-
aminations were to find that the principal difficulty
arose from the imperfect melting of the Nickel Alloy,
which blunted get to be refractory and very destructive
to the best made and perfectly adjusted machinery.
It was thought best to have each Coining Press in suc-
cession overhauled and repaired, and put in complete order.
This work has been in progress since, under the direction
of Mr. Orr (Morgan Mr. Orr) and stringent orders were at once
given for the proper care on the part of the Melter, and
they were going to understand that any neglect or care-

I received to day a telegram from the Supt

of the Branch Mint at San Francisco in relation
lessness on their part in Melting, would be followed by
dismissal from the Mint.

It affords me much satisfaction to be able to report
a decided improvement in our operations. The daily coin-
age of the Nickel pieces has been more than doubled,
and the operations are going forward in a satisfactory
manner.

I had intended during the week to have made a
careful examination of the Engineers' Department, at which
I think there is room for much improvement, but on
Saturday afternoon, I had the misfortune to suffer a
severe contusion, and sprain of the knee joint, from
the effects of which I have since been confined to
room. I have however, been in daily consultation
with the operative officers of the Mint, and expect to
be able to go there to morrow.

My attention was called, some days since, by the
Treasurer of the Mint, to a contract made in January
last, by the late Director for supplies of Nickel alloys
under which he thought the Mint was paying a high
price for the article. The subject has since been under
examination, and when concluded the result will be
reported to you.

I received to day, a telegram from the Supt

of the Branch Mint at San Francisco in relation to several articles ordered in July last, through the Director of the Mint, and required in the opening and separating operations of that Institution, and for which he had received no bills of lading, or advices of shipment.

It appears that only a portion of these supplies were forwarded, having been overlooked. I will cause to be forwarded immediately, the articles which were not sent at the time, and will see that no oversight of this kind occurs again.

At the close of the present month, I will make you a more extended Report, and asking that you will overlook the brevity of this one, am with great respect,

Your Most Obdt Svt.

(Sgd) H. R. Linderman

Director

a portion of the machinery sufficient to coin the gold and silver received for that purpose, and while the Copy being done, suspend the nickel coinage for such time as may be required to overhaul and repair the large engine.

Apl. 19th 7

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

This plan will prevent the inconvenience which would result to the public for want of the nickel coins for change, if we were to suspend operations now and [illegible] The main Engine of the Mint, which drives all the Rolling and cutting machinery, [illegible] found in a defective condition, I employed Messrs. J. P. Morris Powers & Co. of this City, who originally constructed the Engine to Examine and test the same.

A copy of their report of this date, stating the result of their Examination is herewith enclosed.

The daily amount of nickel coinage is now about twice as much as the receipts for the same time of U. S. Notes for exchange for the former, and if we can maintain the present rate of coinage, we will be able in the course of two months to coin and distribute an amount of the nickel, [illegible] sufficient for the wants of the public. This will carry us to near first of July, at which time the Mint will be in receipt of considerable deposits of Gold bullion from Montana and Idaho.

We can then run with the small Engines

a portion of the machinery sufficient to coin the gold and silver required for that purpose, and while this is being done, suspend the nickel coinage for such time as may be required to overhaul and repair the large engine

This plan will prevent the inconvenience which would result to the public for want of the nickel coins for change, if we were to suspend operations now, and for the time which would be required to make the needful repairs to the Engine.

Very respectfully

(Sgd) H. R. Linderman

Director

April 28th 1857

George F. Dunning Esq.

I have to ask that you will inform me when a fast sailing vessel will leave New York for San Francisco

Via Cape Horn

Sent fail to [illegible] Panama

Very Resp.

[illegible] Esq. H. R. Lindenman

Mint San Francisco, Oblig. Director

Assay Office

New York

Truly Yours.

H. R. Lindenman

Director.

April 23d 7

George F. Dunning Esq.
Supt. Assay Office,
N.Y.

Dear Sir,

Please
dont fail to ship by next Panama
Steamer, two tons copper, full bot. Branch
Mint San Francisco, & oblige.

Truly Yours,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Apl 24 4

Sir.

I am in receipt of your letter of 22d inst, I would state in reply that there is no premium on the cents of 1858. neither is there any provision made for the redemption of the cents Coinage.

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director

To
W. S. Hoblitzell
Box 157
Frostburg
Md

Apl 24 4

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 22d inst I would state that there is no premium on the cents of 1857 & 8.

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director

To
J Myers Esq
Addison
N.Y.

Apr 24 4

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April 24 '47

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 23d inst inclosing Requisition for $35.000. I have this day forwarded the same to the Dep't with my approval, and requested immediate attention.

Your appropriation a/c has credit at this date for the following balances

Salaries	3.300
Wages	10.000
Inc & Cont	21.382 86
Total	$34.682 86

To
Geo F Denning Esq
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

Apl 24 4

Dear

I Rec[illegible] inclosed Requisition of Geo F Dunning Esq Supt Assay Office New York for $35.000 with my approval. I have to request that it may receive immediate attention.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

To
Hon Jas McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C

Apl 22

Apl 25 7

Sir.

I would state in reply to yours of 24th ... that there is no provision made by law for the redemption of the Cent Coinage.

The Mint ceased redeeming the Copper Cent several years since.

To
Peter Kephart
No 4 Dover St
Balto Md

Very Respy
H R Sunderman
Director

Apl 25 7

Sir

In reply to yours of the 24th I would state that there is no premium on the Cent Coinage of any date

To
J S Shultz
Sheridan P.O.
Lebanon Co
Pa

Very Respy
H R Sunderman
Director

Apl 25 . 7

Sir

In reply to yours of 21st inst I would state that there is no premium on the Cent of 1858, neither is there any provision made by law for the redemption of the Cent Coinage.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

To
Wm T Tifft
East Sandy Creek
Oswego Co
N.Y.

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called on, in these times, to work up the precious metals. At the same time, there is a brisk demand at the South for the three and five cent pieces, in nickel-copper.

I therefore suggest, that it would be wise to employ the Branch in that way. Let me here say, that Dr M. F. Bonzano, whom you have placed in charge of that Mint and its Machinery, is well and favorably known to us, having been here repeatedly in former years. We regard him as a man of science, of metallurgic and mechanical skill, of personal integrity, and of business tact. He perhaps, can give the best idea as to how much and what kind of work they can execute, and I wish to write to him forthwith and make a number of inquiries.

In the meantime, as we have experience here in the melting, alloying, and especially the assaying of Nickel compounds (more tedious and critical, in some respects, than the assay of more valuable metals) I

I now ask leave to defer the further discussion of this matter, until I can hear from Dr Bonzano.

would suggest, that we make for them the ingots, of the shape ready for the rolls, and of the right mixture; in a word, relieve them of the melting and assay. They can then go on and laminate, cut out, pickle, anneal, and coin, the three and five cent pieces. The profits therefrom, will more than pay their expenses.

At the same time, the Branch should be competent to meet the calls of an Assay Office, as some gold and silver might offer; and I believe Dr Bonzano is competent to perform such assays. They could issue stamped bars, if desired.

I further suggest that there be only two Officers. Dr Bonzano, to act as superintendent, and assayer and the other Officer as Treasurer, Melter and Coiner. Probably six to ten Workmen would suffice, and as some of these should be experienced, I could supply them from this Mint, in all probability.

I now ask leave to defer the further discussion of this matter, until I can hear from Dr Bonzano.

I have the honor to be,
With great Respect,
Your obt. Servant,
H R Linderman
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington
D.C.

Apl 26 7

Cash

Please find enclosed my check No 141 [illegible] and Nat Bk for $807.75 in payment of 6 [illegible] 5 Kegs Nitre shipped to Dr Mint San Francisco.

Awaiting an acknowledgement I am

Very Respy

H B Lindenman

Director

To

Dep

W H Schieffelin & Co

New York

Apl 26 7

Sir

Yours of the 6th inst enclosing dft for $500 was received on the 8th and receipt acknowledged the same day.

Your order was filled & shipped yesterday (25th)

Very Respy

H B Lindenman

Director

To

Cambridge Valley

Nat Bk

Cambridge

N Y

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amount of work therein indicated, we can
send you the planchets ready for striking;
but would [illegible] larger [illegible] of the work [illegible]

Apr. 26 7

Dr M. F. Bonzano

Dear Sir:

This letter shall be partly familiar and partly official. It gives me pleasure to renew our acquaintance, and to send you the friendly remembrances of our [illegible] Eckfeld and Dubois workmen, because the working of this nickel alloy especially the [illegible] in which I can [illegible] my subject to you, will be to send you a copy of a letter received yesterday from the Secy of Tre and my reply thereto, both of which please find enclosed.

Now you will read them into ingots, and you [illegible] understand what kind of information I want from you, and you will please give me your frank opinion as to the views which I expressed and which are held open for correction. If it [illegible] be quite out of the question in the conv[illegible] of your machinery, to do the kind and amount

[illegible] no assay would be
amount of work therein indicated, we can
send you the planchets ready for striking;
but would much prefer [illegible] so that
larger share of the work, and you a fair
earning of the profits. In the [illegible] of
an appropriation this is quite essential.
You will certainly find it an
advantage to take some of our experienced
workmen, because the working of this
nickel alloy, especially the pickling, is
peculiar and complicated. We shall
also have to furnish you with the
[illegible] apparatus and a written detail
of the process. It will also devolve upon
you to remelt the clippings and cast
them into ingots, and you will find this
[illegible] a more [illegible] task
than [illegible] gold or silver.
The assay, as you know [illegible]
and [illegible] truly [illegible]
to complete. Our [illegible] H. K. [illegible]
rein over this mixture, [illegible]
[illegible] irregular [illegible]
[illegible] work [illegible]

clipping alone no assay would be necessary.

The alloy is hard and refractory, and breaks a good many dies, so that we might have enough to give you a fair start. I suppose your region of country will call for both 3 & 5 cent pieces, which although not proportional in weight by law, are of the same alloy, namely 1/4 Nickel and 3/4 Copper. We have orders here from the farthest points South.

You will take notice of what I say about making commercial bars of gold and silver for stamping. Let me know if you want any apparatus, materials, or details. I can [illegible] this [illegible] [illegible] intention upon [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], provided for by law, by [illegible] [illegible] of such bars can get coin certificates available as coin in northern cities, or at this Mint.

Truly yours &c
H. R. Linderman
Director

Apl 21 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of 25th inst I would state that on receipt of $3.00 in Coin I will forward you a Proof Set of Silver & Copper Coin.

Very Resp'y

H Linderman

Director

To

D L Knapp Esq

Middletown

N.Y.

Apl 21 7

Gent.

Please find enclosed a circular giving you all the necessary information in relation to the transmission of Small Coin.

Your order can be filled in from two to three weeks after receipt.

Very Resp'y

H Linderman

Director

To

Messrs Wales Clemson & Co

Middletown

Orange Co

N.Y.

Apl 24 7

Sir.

In return for $100 rec^d per "Merchants Union Express" I send you this day by same Express the same amt in small coin as per your order of 22^d inst.

To
Ewold Hamblin
Troyker. O.

Very Resp^y
H R Linderman
Director

Apl 24 7

Sir.

I herewith enclose the 5¢ piece received in yours of 25th inst. It is genuine

The rays between the stars have been ommitted from the coinage of pieces of this denomination since about the 1st of Jany.

To
Chas P S Kinner
Westfield
N.Y.

Very Resp^y
H R Linderman
Director

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April 26th 67.

Sir.

In a recent communication to the Department I remarked that the Treasurer of the Mint had called my attention to a Contract made by the late Director with Joseph Wharton of this City, for supplies of Nickel for the Cents Coinage, at a rate which he thought disadvantageous to the Government, in view of the present low price of Nickel.

In order that you may fully understand the case, I enclose a copy of the Contract alluded to, and a Communication from Prof. Booth, Melter & Refiner of the Mint, presenting the reasons which induced the Director to make the Contract.

By reference to the Contract it will be seen that Mr. Wharton has the privilege of supplying the Mint with Nickel, in the form of an alloy of ¾ Nickel and ¼ Copper, at the quantitative rate of 4000 lbs. per week for four months from January 8th 1867, and of 3000 lbs per week for two months thereafter, and at the Monetary rate of $1.43 Gold per pound of pure Nickel, and of the relative price

copper.

The price stipulated in the contract is about three cents per pound above the then ruling market rate.

The present price of commercial Nickel (say of 96 % purity) is about $1.27/100 Gold per pound, which is equal to $1.32 (Gold) of absolutely pure Nickel, as determined by the Mint Assay. The remaining 4 a 5 % of commercial Nickel consists of sand, lime and a trace of iron. The latter is rather detrimental to the quality of the alloy to be made.

I have been informed that some five thousand pounds (1000) of our Nickel above the quantity contracted for, but at contract prices, were purchased of Mr Wharton, a few days before I assumed the duties of the Overdowship — although the pressing demand for the five cents coin, warranted the purchase of Nickel beyond the amount called for by the Contract, yet in view of the much lower rate at which other good Nickel is now offered, I feel myself justified in refusing to consummate the last purchase, unless the price be measurably reduced to the rate ruling at the time of purchase, which was some $1.33 (Gold) per lb. pure Nickel.

The Treasurer also raises the point that

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believes that the Government should give him as much encouragement as possible. I think this that Director Ashford [illegible] right to [illegible] the contract. The provisions of law [illegible] will be found in Sec. 5. of the act of February 21, 1857. The construction given this section, when purchases of materials were first made under its provisions, was that it authorized the payment therefor, by the Treasurer out of the Bullion Fund of the Mint, and that it was not intended to devolve the purchases of such materials on that officer. Under this construction of the law purchases have since been made by the Director, on the recommendation of the Melter & Refiner after assay of samples.

Mr. Wharton is one of our most enterprising citizens, and the only Nickel Refiner I am informed in the United States. Having invested heavily in this new branch of industry, he

believes that the Government should give him as much encouragement as possible. I think this not increasable provided always that it is done subordinate to the public interests, and the alloy supplied at the ruling market rate.

The Melter & Refiner of Admiral that the alloy prepared by Mr Wharton is superior for coinage purposes to the alloy made from English or Continental Nickel. On this point I am not now prepared to express an opinion. I have ordered a small lot of Evans & Askins Nickel, also of "Vivians", and will invite a fair trial of the same to be made at the Mint, with a view to determine whether there is any material difference in favor of the Wharton alloy of the Can.

It is proper to add that that the difference in the currency price of the Nickel supplied under the contract and the ruling market rate at this time is about fourteen cents per pound.

Most entirely yours I am very Respectfully,
Only Nickel Ref. Your Obt. Servant,
in the United States H. B. Linderman
heard in this new branch Director.

April 10th 7

Dr. H. R. Linderman

Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

In reply to your query in relation to the contract made by the late Director with Mr. Joseph Wharton for the supply of Nickel, I beg to state that inquiries made early in January 1867, showed the following monetary rates for Commercial nickel:

Evans & Askins' Refined Nickel, averaging 95% @ 96% pure nickel, @ $1.34 @ $1.36 (gold) per lb.

Vivian's Refined Nickel, of about the same quality, offered at $1.34 @ $1.35 (gold) per pound.

The German house of Fleitman offered their highly refined nickel (98 @ 99% pure) @ $1.40 gold.

These prices bur, at the rate of $1.41 (gold) for the two former, & $1.43 (gold) for the latter, for each pound of absolutely pure nickel, it was deemed advisable to take the price of the best quality as the standard

viz. $1.43 (gold) per. lb. of pure nickel.

As the price of Commercial Nickel had not materially fluctuated in many years, it was deemed both safe and expedient to contract with Mr Wharton for some months in advance, & at a quantitative rate, rather below that which the then current demand seemed to warrant.

Hence the contract for the 4000 and 3000 lbs. weekly of an alloy of nickel, & also the more recent purchase of some 5500 lbs. to supply the deficiency of the Contract.

Correlative with your inquiry relating to the past is the question of our future supply of nickel; on which I may be allowed to remark that the following reasons, influencing our purchase from Mr Wharton heretofore, should have their influence hereafter, other things, prices, quality, &c. being regarded at the same time. It even appears to me that these reasons are of sufficient weight to authorise our giving a slightly advanced price to Mr Wharton over others.

1. By having a refining establishment at home, and knowing its resources of ore, means, &c we know better how far we can rely upon a steady supply, & about at what quantitative rates.

2. The party supplying being near us, we can the more readily recover or exchange, if a lot of nickel should prove defective or unfit for our coinage.

3. Because Mr Wharton is associated with Mr Fleitman, the best nickel Refiner in the world, & employs his methods, we have the best guarantee of quality, which is of the utmost consequence in the preparation of the cent alloy.

4. Because the Home Refinery prevents our being subject to the caprices or combinations of foreign refiners, - a fact known in the history of Nickel Refining.

5. Because, without making any sacrifice of the Public Interests, we encourage the development

of our mineral wealth, & by passing the nickel through the various manufacturing processes from the ore to the finished product, we distribute its whole value at home instead of abroad.

6. Because it appears to me more congruous with our proper national pride, that the coinage of our Government, where practicable, should consist of our own productions.

Very truly yours
Jas. C. Bowman

(Copy)

Jany 8th 77

This agreement made this day between Wm Millward Director of the U S Mint, of the one part and Joseph Wharton, of the firm of Wharton and Fleitman of the other part, Witnesseth, that the said Joseph Wharton agrees to deliver to the U S Mint an alloy of Nickel & Copper containing approximately three fourth Nickel and one fourth Copper, at the rate of about 3.000 lbs per week, for the next six months from date, and that the said Wm Millward agrees to pay for the said alloy at the rate of $1.43/100 in gold per lb of absolutely pure nickel, to be determined by the Assayer of the Mint, and for the balance of the alloy at the ruling Market price for Copper. And it is further agreed between the said parties that the alloy shall be paid for in U S Legal tenders, and that the price of gold shall be determined for each Calender Month at the rate ruling at noon on the first Business

business day after the 11th, and that the price of Copper shall be at the quoted rate of Detroit Smelted Copper in the issue of the New York Price Current nearest before the 12th of each month, provided that the quality of the alloy delivered shall be subject to the approval of the Melter & Refiner and provided further that any change in the Tariff by Congress affecting the alloy shall determine a corresponding change in the price of the alloy. It is further agreed between said parties, that the said Co. may deliver at the rate of 4000 lbs per week during the next four months

April 24

Sir

I have the satisfaction of being able to reply fully & promptly to your inquiries respecting the Hill Engraving Machine.

A friendly correspondence which has long been maintained between the Assay Department of the Royal Mint London, and the U S Mint brought to us early in 1862 an offer to sell this machine, or to have work executed by it.

At our request Mr Hill wrote out a description of his machine, or rather of what it could do. A copy of his letter (about 5 pages of letter paper) will be sent to you if desired. His offer was to supply the machinery for 1450 guineas, and to come over and give it a fair start, his expenses and 20 guineas a month to be paid for a short time.

I consider it more important just now to copy what was said of

April 24

Sir

I shall the satisfaction of being able to reply fully & promptly to your inquiries respecting the Hill Engraving Machine.

A friendly correspondence which has long been maintained between the Assay Department of the Royal Mint in London, and the U S Mint brought to us early in 1862, an offer to sell this machine, or to have work executed by it.

At our request Mr Hill wrote out a description of his machine or rather of what it could do. A copy of his letter (about 5 pages of letter paper) will be sent to you if desired. His offer was to supply the machinery for 1450 guineas, and to come over and give it a fair start, his expenses and 20 guineas a month to be paid for a short time.

I consider it more important just now to copy what was said of

the man and the machine by Mr Field (Queen's Assayer) at the same time. He is employed by nearly every Engraver in London, who take the credit of his work, he being otherwise unknown. xxx His work does not require being touched by a graver; all he requires, and which he generally makes, is a large model. I may state he copied the mediaval head of the Queen, on the crown piece - it is only a Cabinet piece, fetching 15 to 25 shillings each. His enlarged copy was so good as to deceive the Engraver who helped make it, & from that he made a series of dies from a silver penny to a half Crown, merely as specimens. I believe the machine has never been seen by any eye but his own."

The offer came at a time when we were in the midst of an expensive and absorbing war, and when the Mint had little to do; although we felt it desirable to be prepared to execute medals for Military and other services, rapidly and economically

economically. This we could not ask for such an appropriation at such a time.

A letter from Mr Field in Nov 1865 informed us that the inventor, who was quite disappointed at our declining to purchase, had sold the invention to an Englishman who no doubt will make an excellent profit by it.

A letter of Oct 1866, makes some further mention of this sale, and of the buyers intention to bring it to the notice of our Government; and adds "he sent me some excellent specimen for postage Stamps". And again - I am vexed you did not buy it - it would served our people right" referring to the fact that the British Government had an offer of it, but could not come to terms. As these expressions are from private letters, I trust they will be kept simply for the information of the Department. Nor shall the strong conviction of a competent

and impartial witness.

The letter of our Engraver, of Nov 30. &, a copy of which you enclose, shows the appreciation of one whose judgment in such a matter is worthy of the highest confidence.

It would be very desirable for the Mint to have such an apparatus; and as a safe-guard against counterfeiting or improper copying, to have the patent also. although this latter might be dispensed with, as counterfeiters would care to go to such an expense. You will observe, however, that the price is cut down from 1450 guineas, to £750, or about one half.

With such a machine the price for medal dies would be wonderfully reduced. And a change of device on our regular Coinage, would be a much less serious matter than where all the work must be done by the mind and hand of a first class artist.

In regard to our means for buying it, we called add to the undrawn appropriation referred to in your letter a sufficient

-ficient amount from our Medal Fund to make the purchase.

I herewith return the papers marked for that purpose.

Very Resp'y
Y. obt. Sv't
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treas'y
Washington
D. C.

Apl 29 7

Sir

I am in receipt of your 25th inst. Enclosing Check for $200 payable to order of Mr Millward.

As Mr Millward retired from the Directorship on Mch 4th last I herewith return the Check to which please make payable to order of Director "Mint" and on receipt of order shall have prompt attention.

Very Respy
H R Lindermann
Director

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Apl 29 7

April 29. 7.

Messrs Parker Markel & Grier,
Hazleton Pa.
Gentlemen.

I have Yours of 27th inst enclosing Check for $200 and requesting one thirty & five cent pieces returned therefor. As you are just starting business and you need the coin to supply the Community with change. I make an exception in your case as to time of sending coin & have directed it to be forwarded immediately.

Respectfully Yours
H R Lindermann
Director

International Bank for

Apl 29 7

Sir:

In reply to yours I would state that there is no premium on the issue of Cents for any year.

Very Resp

H B Lindenman

Director

to

Robt Dayo Esq

P.O. Box 454

Chicago

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Apl 29 7

Sir

I herewith enclose a Circular giving you all the necessary information relative to the distribution of the Small Coin.

A cft for the amount or the money must in all cases accompany the order which will be filled in from two to three weeks after receipt.

Very Resp

H B Lindenman

Director

to

A Gm Esq

Cash

International Bk

Frankfort

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April 29 /.

Sir:

I feel it my duty to ask your attention to two point of importance, in relation to the minor coinage.

Before the war, the redundancy of cents had become burdensome. They were packed in rolls to make larger payment than they were intended for; and it was a constant study for dealers and Housekeepers to keep from being flooded with them. During the war, a popular delusion in regard to their intrinsic value, caused them to become scarce. But the former evil is returning upon us; and with three million, six Hundred fifty two thousand, seven hundred & thirty dollars ($3.652.730) in cents, and two cents, but mostly in cents, up to March 31st last, it becomes a question whether we ought not to protect the public from the loss and annoyance incident to an excessive issue. There are now twenty cents out for each man, woman and child

in the States where those pieces circulate.

It strikes me that we have an excellent remedy at hand, if the Department considers itself authorized to employ it.

The larger proportion of this recent coinage, namely a little over two millions of dollars, is in pieces containing 12 per cent nickel. Under the laws for the coinage of three and five cent pieces, the Mint is a large purchaser of nickel. There is an active demand for those coins the paper notes of corresponding denomination be withdrawn. Now we have only to offer to buy those nickel cents at their nominal value, and pay for them in three and five cent pieces, and the reform will begin, and in due time be carried out. If at the same time, or a future time we have to go on with a moderate coinage of bronze cents and two cents it will be all well enough; we shall be saving the confusion of having two kinds of cents, different in shape and appearance.

It is true that the Act of April 22d 1864 disallows the further exchange

of cents and half cent; but this I apprehend referred to the old large copper coinage, and to the exchange of one cent for another. This I do not propose. And certainly, if we have to buy nickel, we may as well buy it in the nickel cent; and we can pay for it on terms agreeable to both parties as indicated above.

Still, if you think the case requires further legislation, I respectfully ask leave to prepare an Act to be submitted to Congress through the Department.

You will, of course wish to know how the account of Profit & Loss would stand. I answer, two nickel cents contain about nickel enough to make a five cent piece; and leave a surplus of 70 grains or 1/100 th of copper worth 1/4 cent. In short we would gain 3 1/4 cents in nickel and copper on every five cent piece. The present gain is greater, namely 4 1/4 cent; the <u>materials</u> for the 5 ¢ costing us 3/4 of a cent, as near as may be. But as the main object of a Mint is to supply coin for the people, and not to make money for the Treasury, this difference I am

sure will not affect your decision.

The account would stand more favorable as to the three cent piece, but I need not enlarge.

It is only needful to add, that as the three cent and five cent contain about double the proportion of nickel to that in the nickel cent, we should still have to be purchasers of that metal to bring up the ratio; and this fact should quiet the complaints of those who have nickel to sell, although our part in the market will be, as it ought to be, cut down to about one half. We have already nearly 124 tons of nickel, contained in those cents only.

I need not remind you that the law of May 16th 1866 makes the five cent piece redeemable in sums not less than $100 in U S legal currency, under regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury. The time may come, when an excessive issue of these pieces, or a desire to return to silver will call for this redemption in view of which it would seem proper to have a fund ready to meet it.

and I suggest, that by taking the profits arising from that coinage, investing them in bonds of the United States, and setting these apart, the object will be gained without causing any strain upon the Treasury, and without any inconvenience. If the pieces should remain out forever, so much the better. If not, the redemption will be provided for. This matter could be attended to, by the Asst Treasurer here, as the nearest and most convenient to the Mint.

In suggesting that a fund be provided for the redemption of the 3ct Coin, I am perhaps travelling out of the line of my official province, but, I deem the subject of sufficient importance to warrant my calling your attention to it.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respy
Yr Obt Svt
A. B. Lindsay
Director

To
Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Apl 30 7

Sir

In reply to yours of 27th inst I would state that there is no premium on the ant of 1868.

Very Respy

H R Linderman

Director

M M Donnelly Esq
Cincinnati O
No 2 Cot West Water St

Apl 30 7

Apl 29 7

Sir

Gent. I am in receipt of yours of Please find Enclosed oft No 1900 on Jay Corkin & Co N.Y. for $565.43 in payment of invoice of Apl 25th '67 for goods shipped Mr Mrib San Francisco.

Awaiting an acknowledgement I am

Very Respy

H R Linderman

Director

To
W H Schieffelin & Co
170 & 172 William St
N.Y.

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Apl 30 — 4

Sir.

In reply to yours of 27th inst I would state that there is no premium on the ant of 1858 —

To
M M Donnelly Esq
Cincinnati O
No 264 West Water St

Very Respy
H R Lindenman
Director

Apl 30 — 4

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 27th inst.

There is no premium on the ant of 1857 & 8, or the issue of any other year.

To
J E Hurlburt Esq
53 Leake St.
Chicago
Ills

Very Respy
H R Lindenman
Director

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Apl 30 4

Sir:

Your favor of 29th inst enclosing Bill of Lading & Duplicate bill for 4.800 lbs Copper is at hand.

Please find enclosed Dft & 1909 on Jay Cooke & Co for $1.256 to your order in payment of said bill.

Be good enough to obtain tro-plicate bill & bill of Lading & forward to me for retention.

Very Respy

H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Geo F Dunning Esq
Supt Assay Office
New York

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May 1 /

Sir:
All payment for wages hereafter will be made for working days only except to the Night and Sunday watch.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
J. R. Eckfeldt Esq
Assayer.
U. S. Mint

May 1 /

Sir
All payment for wages hereafter will be made for working days only except to the Night and Sunday watch.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
James Longacre Esq
Engraver
U. S. Mint

May 1 7

Sir

I apply to your of 30th ult, I would state that there is no premium on Cents of any description.

To
Benj P Davis Esq
Phoenixville
Pa

Very Resp
H R Lindenmann
Director

May 1 7

Sir

I am in receipt of your of 30th ult. I would state that there is no premium on the issue of cent you mention.

To
Benj C Clark
Coatesville
Chester Co
Pa

Very Resp
H R Lindenmann
Director

May 1st

H. R. Linderman

Sir,

Pursuant to law and the regulation of the Department I made examination at the close of business yesterday, the 30th ult. of the books account and monies on hand in the offices of the Asst Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, and found a balance of $8.328.311.21 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

In the foregoing the following was counted as cash viz:

Certificate of Temporary Loan $26.458.22

Total 1756.535.84

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Very Respy
Your Obt Servt
H. R. Linderman
Director

May 1st 7

Sir:

The usual monthly Count and examination made at the close of business yesterday the 30th ult. exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint. viz:

Gold.	$345.977.50
Silver	40.907.36
Ordinary account.	33.140.82
Copper "	325.833.96
Br Mint. San Francisco	9.770.45
" " Denver	905.75
Total	$756.535.84

Corresponding with the balance as stated on that Officers books of account.

Upon examination I found the general condition and working of the Mint to be conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner by the different heads of their respective Department.

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H. R. Linderman

May 1. 7.

Sir,

Enclosed please find statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint, for the Month of April 1867.

The total Coinage in Pieces for April is 5,966,805

do do do March 4,101,750

Showing an increase of the number of pieces of 1,865,055

This is a very gratifying increase considering the circumstances under which I found business at the Mint, on the 6th inst. the day on which I entered on duty.—

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt,
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

May 2. 7.

Geo. W. Lane Esq.
Supt. U. S. Branch Mint.
Denver Col. Ty.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 12th. ult. (received this morning) on the subject of the issue of coin drafts at your institution. In reply I have to say that the papers referring to the same are now under examination and you will be advised further, in the course of a few days.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

May 2. 7.

Mrs Nellie Smith.
1632 Pine street.

In reply to your note of yesterday I regret to say that the necessity for a reduction of the employees of the Mint presents me from giving a favorable answer to your application.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir,

Pursuant to the authorization contained in your letter of the 29th. ult. I have ordered the B. F. Stevens, London, one of the Hill Engraving Machines.

I have written to H. W. Field Esq. Lewis Assayer in the Royal Mint, requesting him to inspect the Machine and see that it work perfectly before it is sent.

I have sent a copy of the Hill Engraving Machine to Mr. Richards, Secretary of the Treasury.

Yours Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

May 2. 7.

(Copy)

May 2. 7.

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Secretary of the Treasury,

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I have written to H. W. Field Esq. Queens Assayer in the Royal Mint, requesting him to inspect the Machine and see that it works perfectly, before it is shipped.—

Enclosed is a copy of my letter of this date to Mr Stevens ordering the Machine.—

I have the honor to be,
With great Respect,
Your obt. Servant,
A. R. Linderman
Director.

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(Copy)

May 2

Sir:

Under an authorization of the Secy of [illegible] hereby agree to purchase one of the Hill Engraving Machine at the price named by you - Seven hundred & fifty pounds Sterling -

The merits of this Machine were brought to the notice of the Mint, incidentally, in a letter of H W Field Esq Queens Assayer in the Royal Mint, about five years ago: but we were not then in a position to bargain for it.

I understand from your letter that we can have a machine which was begun for Calcutta, and is nearly finished. This would shorten the delay and be very agreeable.

As soon as the Machine is ready to be shipped you will please advise me of that fact and a Bill of Exchange for the amount will be forwarded, and if on the faith of this Government you will forward the Machine as soon as it is ready it will be a saving of time.

I wish to know whether it can be worked by an experienced Engraver simply by written directions or whether it is essential to have the presence of the inventor, or some one taught by him, to give it a fair start.

Before the Machine is shipped, I would be very glad if it could be seen by our friend Mr Field and that he might see how it works, you will please make an appointment with him to suit his leisure, we will write to him on the subject. You will let me know when and by what vessel the Machine has been sent, so that I may be ready to procure its pass through our Custom House duty free.

I will thank you also to effect a marine insurance on the full value, and charge me with the cost unless it be forwarded by an Express Company which takes all liability

Yours truly &c
Signed H K Linderman
Director

To
B F Stevens Esq
No 4 Henrietta St
Convent Garden
London

May 2d 77

Dear Sir:

The cost of the Bullion, labor, &c of the Medals you desire struck, will be as follows:

Two gold Medals

Weight including loss in Manufacturing oz 2.85

Value in U S Gold Coin $58.91

Two Silver Medal

Weight including loss in Manufacturing oz 2.85

Value $2.90

Total in Coin $61.87

Expense of Manufacturing $2.00 in Currency

Very Respy

H. B. Linderman

Director

W H Campbell

Rutledge College

New Brunswick

N. J.

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May 2. 7.

Messrs Savage & Stewart
Agents &c
Box 2503 P.O. Phila.

Gentlemen.

Please
furnish me with a copy of the
Agreement under which you are
supplying the Mint with acids
chemicals &c. &c.

Respectfully Yours.
A. R. Linderman Superintendent.
Director

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May 2. 7

Henry Rep Esq,
General Supt. &c
Buffalo N.Y.

Sir.

Referring to your letter of the 26th ult. addressed to the then Acting Director of the Mint, I have to request that you will inform me at what rate per $1000 you will undertake to transport Gold bullion from Denver Col. to St. Louis Mo. payable in Gold. Allow me to express the hope that you will make ~~this~~ an offer sufficiently reasonable to allow its immediate acceptance. Please also state at the same time whether $12 per $1000 is the lowest rate from Denver to Philad.a

Will not your proposition to transport Bullion on a/c of the U. States East of St. Louis, conflict with the contract existing between the Treasury Dept. and the Adams Express Co. I make this inquiry for information only.

Respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director

May 2d /

Sir:

As a step preparatory to regulation in the matter of pattern Coins, I have to request that you will furnish me, at your convenience, with a list of all the dies extant and in good order, which have been used for striking pattern ones. And further, that you will classify them thus:

1. Dies which can be of no further use.
2. Dies which might be used for future new patterns, either obverse or reverse, or for regular Coinage.

Very Resp'y
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
J. B. Longacre Esq
Engraver
U. S. Mint

May 4 4

Sir.

In reply to yours of 3d inst I would state that there is no premium on the cents of 1858

To
J. Pundrews Esq
Ticket Agt
N.Y. C.R.R.
Utica N.Y.

Very Respy
H. B. Lindermann
Director

May 4 4

Sir.

I am in receipt of your of 1st inst.

There is no premium on the issue of Cents for the years 1858 & 59.

To
J. G. Arnold Esq
South Putting
Steuben Co
N.Y.

Very Respy
H. B. Lindermann
Director

May 4 7

J M Aertsen Esq
Treas'r Southern Relief Fund

Dear Sir

Herewith I send ninety one dollars ($91) which please set to the account of "Persons employed in the Mint."

A considerable number had already contributed.

Very respectfully
Your obt servt
H B Linderman
Director

May 6 7

Sir:

A deposit was received at the Mint on the 4th inst corresponding with the one as advised in yours of 30th ult. Weighing 10.14 ounces

The proceeds will be handed to the Express Co with your letter.

To
Jno Egger Esq
Montgomery
Ala

Very Respy
A B Lindemann
Director

May 6 7

Sir

I can furnish you with a proof Set of the Silver & Copper Coins for 1867. The price is $3.00 payable in Coin.

To
Wm W Carpenter
Box 109
Foxboro
Mass

Very Respy
A B Lindemann
Director

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May 6 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of 2d inst, inquiring the cause of the difference in color of the gold Coins, I would state, simply, that in some pieces the silver alloy prevails, and in others the copper. All our gold Coins are nine tenths gold: the remaining tenth is composed of silver and copper in variable proportions, generally nearly all copper. But a pale piece is of no more value than a red one

To
J Saltar Esq
Astr
Custom House
Buffalo
N.Y.

Very Resky
H B Linderman
Director

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May 6th 7

Geo F Dunning Esq
Supt &c

Dear Sir

There are two routes from Colorado to the East: one via the "Smoky Hill" & the other known as "the Platte" I desire to know what Express Co runs their Billion &c by the Platte route and if you can find this out & the office is in NY please get a bid from them for transporting bullion (Gold) from Denver to Phila or from Denver to any point East connecting with the Adams Express Co. Charges payable in gold. I have received a bid from the U S Express Co for transporting via the Smoky Hill route. Your attention will oblige

Truly
(Signed) H R Chinderman

Copy

May 6th /

Henry Kip Esq
Pres't & C
Buffalo N.Y.

I have yours of 4th inst-

I have no disposition or desire to compel or induce your Company to go out of their way to transport bullion from Denver here, but, I do want it transported as cheaply as possible and direct from Denver to Philadelphia - not via New York -

Having originated this Coin Certificate plan while I was Director Clerk, and believing it will do much towards building up the great bullion interest of the gold region, and at the same time benefit the National Treasury, I naturally feel anxious that it should have a fair trial But I will not let the interests of any Company interpose between me & the duty I owe the public service in the premises - All I ask is that responsible Express Companies shall have an opportunity to compete for the Contract & let

then bids are received the one most favor-
-able to the Government will be accepted.

Respectfully Your
(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director

May 7 '7

Sir

Please find enclosed a circular giving you the information asked for in yours of 4th inst.

Very Respy
H R Lenderman
Director

To
N S Taylor Esq
53 Griswold St
Detroit Mich

May 7 7

Sir.

In reply to the inquiries contained in yours of 29th ult. I herewith enclose a circular giving you the necessary information

Very Respy
H R Lenderman
Director

To
Jacob H Miller
Keedysville
Washington Co
Md

May 7 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of 6th inst I would state, that I am [illegible] to give you the [illegible] of a [illegible] in [illegible] residence [illegible]

To
A G McKee Esq
Vinel
N.J.

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director

May 7 7

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst addressed to Mr Wm E Dubois enclosing $500 for 5 Eprices has been received & handed to the Treas'r of the Mint for attention.

The coin will be forwarded in about ten days.

To
J Wiley Edwards Esq
Treas'r
Pacific Mills
Boston Mass
No 21 Kilby St

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

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Copy

May 7 7

Sir:

I have this day received per Express a box said to contain $385 50/100 Assay Coins of your Branch for the Month of March 1 Abry

Yours of the 9th inst Enclosing receipt of Wells Fargo & Co for above box is also at hand.

Very Respy
Signed H R Linderman
Director

To
Robt B Swain Esq
Supt
U S Branch Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

(The original letter made such a poor copy it was not legible, consequently this Copy was made.)

May 8 7

Gent:

Please inform me at what price per ton you will supply us with 100 Tons Coal "Buck Mountain" for Boilers at the rate of about 4 tons per day.

The Coal to be equal in all respects to that you have recently been supplying to the Mint.

Respy Yrs

To

Mess Sharp Weiss & Co

H. R. Linderman

Director

H. R. Linderman

May 8 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 3d inst enclosing Dft on N.Y. for $200 payable to the order of Hon. Jas Pollock, who retired from the Directorship of the Mint over seven month ago.

I herewith return the Dft which please make payable to the order of Treasurer U.S. Mint and enclose it to him with your order

Very Respy

H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Cashr
First Nat'l Bk
Rushville
Ill

May 9 1

Sir.

I am in receipt of your of 7th inst.

Please find enclosed a list of the medals for sale at the Mint with the prices annexed.

Very Respy

H. B. Linderman
Director

To
Wm Bowman Esq
Bucyrus
Ohio

May 9 4

Gent.

I am in receipt of your 6th inst.

Please find enclosed a Circular giving you the information desired.

The order you will send to the "Treasurer U S Mint" & the dft made payable to his order.

Very Respy

H. B. Linderman
Director

To
Mess Coffin & Tolman
St Charles
Ills

May 9 4

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May 9 '7

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of 7th inst enclosing Ten thousand dollars for Small Coin.

I will forward $5.00 in 5¢ pieces on saturday next, and the balance of your order in a few days thereafter

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

T. P. Chandler Esq
Asst Treasurer
Boston
Mass

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D. C.

May 10th 71

Sir:

I herewith transmit report of Superintendent of Branch Mint San Francisco exhibiting the result of the usual monthly count and examination made at the close of the month of March last.

The discrepancy of $20.000 in the account of the Coiner & Treasurer, appears from the correspondence on file in this office, to have been a defalcation of the Treasurers Pay Clerk. As this occurred more than a year ago, I suppose it has been thoroughly investigated by the proper authority, and that the loss will be made good by the Treasurer or his sureties. I shall not therefore take any action on the subject unless specially instructed to do so by you.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D. C.

May 10 7

C & A.

Enclosed please find the Assayers Report on the two boxes of nickel received from you - Your Bill therefor will be paid on presentation at the Mint -

It is proper that I should state that the contract for supplies of Nickel entered into in January last, by my predecessor will expire in July next when you will have an opportunity of competing with others for supplies of the article to the Mint, of which you will receive due notice.

The amount to be supplied from this time forward, under the existing Contract is 3,000 lbs per annum, if our requirement should exceed this amount the balance will be purchased in open market at the lowest rate at which it may be offered.

Very Respy
A. L. Linderman
Asst

Messrs Van Wart Mackay & Co
New York

May 10 7

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It is proper that I should state that the Contract for supplies of Nickel, entered into in January last by my predecessor, will expire in July next when you will have an opportunity of competing with others for supplies of the article to the Mint, of which you will receive due notice.

The amount to be supplied from this time forward, under the existing Contract, is 3,000 pounds per week: if our requirements should exceed this amount, the balance will be purchased in open market at the lowest rate at which it may be offered.

Very Respy

A. R. Linderman

E. Robbins Esq
New York

May 11th 47

Sir.

I have received a report from Dr Bonzano, formerly Melter & Refiner of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, in relation to the condition of the Machinery and apparatus of that Institution.

It will not be expedient to coin either gold or Silver, at the above named Branch of the Mint, at the present nor for some time to come.

Two Presses for the Coinage of 5 cent Nickel Copper can be readily fitted up at an expense not exceeding $3.000. With these Presses from five to ten thousand dollars per week can be struck. The planchets complete and ready for stamping will have to be sent from this Mint as in the present condition of the machinery and apparatus at the Branch, neither Assaying, Rolling of ingots, cutting, annealing, or melting, are practicable. About five men will be required to work the two Presses. Dr Bonzano can act as Superintendent, Melter & Refiner, and The Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans, can act as Treasurer. Coiner. No Assayer will be required for the present.

The compensation to be allowed Dr Bonzano and say five workmen may be defrayed out of the profit

profits arising from the five cent coinage. After the coinage of five cent Nickel-Copper, as herein proposed, is well under way, it will be time enough to prepare for further operations, and the Assay of gold and Silver.

In former years the most of the Silver Bullion and foreign Silver coin deposited at the Branch Mint was derived from Mexico, and it is not probable that any considerable amount of Silver for Assay or Coinage will be received until Peace and order are restored in that distracted Country. We may then expect a revival of trade between that Republic and our own and the receipt at New Orleans, as in former years, of large amounts of Silver. Facilities for the Coinage of Silver will then be required at the New Orleans Branch.

If the plan I have suggested for the Coinage of five cent Nickel-Copper pieces is approved by the Department I will prepare the proper instructions to carry the same into effect and submit them for your consideration.

I am Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
R. Linderman
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington D C

May 11th 64

Sir:

Since completing my communication of this date, on the subject of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, my attention has been called to a statement of account rendered by the Department to this Office, about six months ago, which shows balances remaining to the credit of the different appropriations for the support of that Branch, on July 1st 1863 to be as follows.

Salaries	674.62
Wages	29.928.43
Contingent	38.333.28
Total	$68.946.39

If these amounts are available, it is hardly necessary to state, that the Expenses necessary to carry my suggestions into effect, may be defrayed therefrom

Very Respy

H. R. Linderman

Director

To

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secy of Treasy

Washington DC

May 11 7

Assay of four samples of quartz rock from N. Carolina, sent by Col. Stevens, thro' the Director of the Mint.

No. 1, "Bareger," contains gold, per ton, seven dolls. 50 cts. $7.50.

No. 2, "Bareger," gold, per ton, nine dolls. $9.00.

No. 3, "New Hope," gold, per ton, fourteen dolls. 50 cts. $14.50.

No. 4, "Mint," gold, per ton, one hundred & sixty two dolls. 50 cts. $162.50.

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

May 11 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours per "Adams Express Co." enclosing $2,000 for 5th piece. Eckfeldt Assayer will forward the Coin on Monday 13th inst. to North Carolina received from

H. H. Van Dyke Esq
Asst Treasr
N.Y.

Very Resp'y
H. B. Lindenmuller
Director

To
Robt. J. Stevens Esq
St. Nicholas Hotel
New York

Very Resp'y
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J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

May 11 7

Sir:

I herewith enclose the report of Mr J. R. Eckfeldt, Assayer, U. S. Mint on four samples of quartz rock from North Carolina received from you.

I'll be a knowledge receipt to me by first mail.

Very Resp'y
Director

To
Robt J. Stevens Esq
St Nicholas Hotel
New York.

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May 13 '71

Gent:

I am in receipt of yours of 9th inst. ordering $100 in 5¢ pieces and enclosing Dft for $95 to pay for the same.

I herewith return Dft which you will please make $100, or reduce your order to $95. On receipt of same it shall have prompt attention

To
Mep Fitch Judge & Co
Darlington
Wis.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr

May 13 '71

Sir:

I have this day paid your Dft in favor of the "Manhat Company" for $32.04.

I enclose duplicate bill for the amount received in yours of 11th inst which you will please receipt and return to me by first mail.

To
E Robbins Esq
104 John St
New York

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr

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May 13 7

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 10th inst.

The rules of the Mint require a deposit to produce $100 in Coin, and as your deposit was too small to receive I return it by express

To

J A Chase
Geneseo
Livingston Co
N.Y.

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr

May 13 7

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 11th

Please find enclosed a circular giving you the information relative to the distribution of Cents.

To

F J Hoffman
Lewistown
Pa
Randolph N.Y.

Very Resp
H R Linderman
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Very Resp'y
H K Linderman
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per A Thacher Jr

May 13 77

Sir

I am in receipt of yours 11th inst.

There is no premium on Cents of any description

To
G & A Bachman
Freemansburg
Northampton Co
Pa

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr

May 13 77

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 10th inst.

The issue of cents for the year 1858 are worth no more than that of other years.

There is no provision made in the law for the redemption of cents.

To
F Jones Esq
P M
Randolph N.Y.

Very Respy
R H Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr

May 14 7

Sir:

Please find enclosed a Circular giving you the information asked for in yours of 14th inst.

Very Respy
H B Linderman
Director

To
P Corey Esq.
Frederick City
Md

H B Linderman

May 14 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 15th ult. and in reply I would state that I am unable to give with accuracy the information you desire. Miners very often object to giving us the particular locality from which they obtain their gold, and it the rule to only ask the State or Territory, and we have difficulty in getting that. We received a large lot, said to be from Confederate gulch, that produced about $18 & some other that produced less than $14.

Very Respy
H B Linderman
Director

To
B F Fortney Esq.
Diamond City
Montana Territory

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May 14 7

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of 16th ult. enclosing the following reports for the month of March 1867 viz

1. Condition of Branch at the close of the month
2. Statement of Unpaid Warrants
3. Certificate of the transfer of the Parting Charge
4. Statement of Localities &c.
5. Statement of Deposit & Coinage

I am also in receipt of your of 17th ult. enclosing requisition for $108.239.95 which I have forwarded, with my approval, to the Department.

Very Respy

H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Robt B. Swain Esq
Supt. U. S. Br. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

May 14 7

Gent.

I am in receipt of yours of 13th inst.

Your letter of the 3d inst enclosing off for $50 was received, and order entered on the books of the Mint on the 4th inst.

The Coin will be shipped in the course of one week.

Very Resp.

Messrs Howe & Macy
New York

H. B. Lindenman
Director

May 14 7

Miss Josephine West

I am instructed by the Director to inform you that there are no vacancies in the Mint.

Very Resp.
A. Thacher Jr
Director Clerk

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May 14th 67

Sir:

I herewith enclose Requisition of Robt B. Swain Esq Supt U S Branch Mint San Francisco Cal. for $10 E. 239 95/100 with my approval and request that it may receive early attention

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

May 14. 7

To the President,
of Merchant Union Express Co.
New York

Sir, I am desirous of making a contract with responsible Express companies for the transportation of Gold Bullion from Denver, Colorado, to the Mint at Philad.a. Are you prepared to make me a bid for say one year, charges payable in Gold. If you have no line to Colorado, please state at what point that you could receive the bullion from another Express Company for transportation Eastward, & the rate per $1000 — from such point to the Mint at Philad.a

Respectfully
D. R. Linderman
Director.

May 14 7

Sir: I have to request that you will give me the price at which you have been supplying the Mint with wood. Also that you will furnish me with the price at which you will supply it for the immediate future

Very Resp.y
D. R. Linderman
Director

to
F. D. Watson Esq.
252 N. Del Av.

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May 14 7

Sir.

In reply to the request contained in yours of 2d inst. I herewith enclose a copy of the result of the Assay giving you the fineness as desired.

I am also in receipt of yours of 8th inst. in reply to which I have to state that the Bill of Lading for the articles shipped per "Mary E. Packer" was mailed to your address on the 22d day of April last.

Please find enclosed bills & bill of Lading for articles shipped as per your requisition. viz.

Apl 11 67. Goodyear Rubber Co. 126=
for 3 Doz pr Acid gloves (Ship "Andrew Jackson"

Apl 18 67. W & Schieffelin & Co 80.75
for 5 Kegs Sal Nitre Ship "Lookout"

Apl 25 67 by W & Schieffelin & Co 565.45
for 6 Kegs Sal Nitre
5 Boxes Corro Sublimate } per Ship "Favorita"
2 Bbls Rosin.

May 3 by U. S. Mint $250-
for 4 Porcelain Pots. Ship "Charger"

Cpl 24 by Foote Gibbard & Co $1256
4 Casks Copper "Central" Steamer Ocean Queen

The Bill of Lading for the 4 Cask Copper per Steamer "Ocean Queen" was forwarded from New York by Geo. P. Dunning Esq Supt U. S. Assay Office.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

To
Robt B. Swain Esq.
Supt U.S. Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Incidental & Contingent Expenses — Such is the practice at the U. S. Assy. Office New York, and I am of opinion that it should be applied to the Branch

May 14. 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

The Deductions for "parting" and "refining", at the Branch Mint, San Francisco, (available by law for Mint Expenses) are deposited monthly in Gold Coin, with the Asst. Treasurer of the U. States, to the credit of the appropriation for Incidental & Contingent Expenses of the Branch Mint. The Superintendents Requisitions thereon, are I believe, met with Drafts payable in Currency, in which funds the Expenses for materials used in the operations above referred to, are paid.

It would seem proper that the Gold Coin arising from deductions for "parting" and "refining" should be sold, and the proceeds deposited (in currency) with the Asst. Treasurer of the U. States to the credit of the Branch Mint appropriation for

Incidental & contingent Expenses – such as
the practice at the U. S. Assay Office,
New York, and I am of opinion that
it should be appended to the Branch
Mint. San Francisco.

With great Respect,
Your Friend & Obt. Servt.
A. B. Lindeman
Director

May 14 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 13th inst. Enclosing check on Asst Treasr U. S. for $2.000 in payment of same amount 5¢ Coin.

The Coin will be shipped to your address to morrow (15th inst)

To
Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washn D. C.

Very Respy
H. R. Lindemann
Director

May 15

Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of 13th inst. In reply I would state that on the 10th inst. received your letter of the Enclosing a draft for $500 and that amount was sent on the books of the Mr. to your credit. The Coin will be forward & within two days. The poor was the acknowledgment on

Very Respy
H. R. Lindemann
Director

To
E. E. Hathaway Esq
Treasurer Nat'l Exchr
Mill River
Mass

May 15 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 13th inst. In reply I would state that on the 10th inst I received your letter of the 8th Enclosing a dft for $500. and that amount was entered on the books of the Mint to your credit. The coin will be forwarded within two weeks.

The error was in the acknowledgement only.

Very Respy
H. B. Linderman
Director

To
E. E. Hathaway Esq
Cashr
Pocasset Nat Bk
Fall River
Mass

May 15 7

Gent.

May 15 7

Please find enclosed a circular giving you the necessary information relative to the distribution of the small coin.

Very Respy
C. H. B. Linderman
Director

Mess Mears Bates & Chicago
Ills

H. B. Linderman
Director

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May 8 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of 8th inst I have to state that the "Express Co" have succeeded in tracing your bag of small Coin to their office in Toledo, O. They will telegraph to their agent to day to forward to your address immediately.

Very Resp'y

Geo W Hamblin
Stryker, O.

H. R. Linderman
Director

May 15 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours 13th inst, enclosing 2 Silver dollars, per "Adams Express Co"

I send this day (by [illegible] Express) to your address [illegible] Silver dollars, Coinage of 1867, Proofs.

Very Resp'y

Geo W McC[illegible] Esq
Genl Supt
Mint Building
Cash
D. C.

H. R. Linderman
Director

[illegible] 1200 lbs @ 92.4
[illegible] Assay 1108.8 @ 1.33 1474.70
Premium 36 3/4 541.95
24 lbs Copper @ 24 576
$2022.4

425
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May 15 4

Gent

Please find Enclosed 10m Prout on Jno S Serrill May 3d by 60 dys after date accepted.

Very Respy

To

Mess H Bender & Son
Easton
Pa

H B Linderman

May 15 4

Gent:

Sir I am in receipt of yours of 1 Thirst enclosing bill for 2 Cases Nickel.

Any I have to request that you will send me receipt & duplicate bills for the same adding the premium on gold at the rate of 36 3/4 %, and on receipt I will remit you a check.

Very Respy

To

Mess Van Wart McCoy & Co
72 Beekman St
New York.

H B Linderman
Director

2 Cases E & A Nickel 1200 lbs @ 92.4

as per Mint Assay 1108.8 @ 1.33		1.474.70 gold
Premium 36 3/4		541.95
24 lbs Copper @ .24		576
		$2.022.4

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(Dept.) [illegible] month of respectfully
[illegible] for your Manufacturing
Hon Hugh McCulloch With great respect
Secretary of the Treasury Your obt Servant
Dear Sir H. R. Kinderman
Director

The examination and count of
funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint and
Branches [illegible] Director of the Mint and the Superin-
tendent of [illegible] Mint in pursuance of Sec 12. of the
Act of [illegible] made under existing reg-
-ulations at the close of each month. It strikes me
that if the required examination was made at the
close of business on any day of the month the Di-
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a delinquent clerk can easily prepare for the Count
which he knows beforehand is to take place at a
certain day and hour. But the change above refer-
-ed to would do away with the sense of security
afforded by the count being made on the [illegible]

May 15th

Sir There is no premium on the coinage of cents of any date
Very Resp
Dear Sir
Dr Sergeant
Mr Morris
Otsego Co

(Copy)

working day of each month. I respectfully submit the subject for your Consideration

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

With great Respect
Your obt Servant
Sealed H R Linderman
Director

Sir:

The examination and count of funds in the hands of the Treasurers of the Mint and Branches by the Director of the Mint and the Superintendents of the Br Mints, in pursuance of Sec 12. of the Act of August 6. 1846, is made under existing regulations at the close of each month. It strikes me that if the required examination was made at the close of business on any day of the month, the Director or Superintendent might select, without notice to the Treasurer, a much greater security for the safety of the public funds. and the fidelity of the respective persons charged with the custody thereof would be insured. Under the present mode of examination a delinquent clerk can easily prepare for the Count which he knows beforehand is to take place at a certain day and hour; but the change above referred to would do away with the sense of security afforded by the count being made on the last

working day of each month. I respectfully
submit the subject for your consideration

With great Respect
Your obt Servant
Signed H. C. Linderman
Director

May 15 7

Sir:

The application of F. W. Hughes in behalf of your wife has been referred by the President of the U. S. to the Director of the Mint.

I am instructed by the Director to inform you that there are no vacancies in the "Ladies Department" of the Mint.

Very Respy
A. Thacher Jr
Directors Clerk

To
Jno Nugent Esq
Cor 26th & Lombard St

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Nov 16 [illegible]

Dear

I reply to your of 14th inst I would state that we have no proof sets of Silver & Copper or Hand Accounts for the years 1862 & 1863. The price is $2.00 per set payable in Cash. I can send them by Express.

I return your Chk [illegible] as there is no change allowed to be made for information.

To
Peter Gachwind Esq
Box 1232
Pittsburgh Pa

Very Resp
H Blinderman
Director

Nov 16 [illegible]

Dear

I herewith remit $15 in payment of [illegible] bill [illegible] receipt and return.

To
Custom
[illegible]
Newport Pa.

Very Resp
H Blinderman
Director

[illegible]

May 16 /7

Sir:

The sum of One Thousand dollars ($1.000) is required to meet expenses incurred by me in the purchase of supplies requested by the Supt of Branch Mint. San Francisco. Please cause the amount to be sent to the Treasurer of this Mint and charged against the appropriations made for the support of that Institution.

If the Warrant has not been issued for the Requisition of $10.239 75/100 made by Robt B. Swain Esq Supt, and forwarded from this office on the 14th inst, I would suggest that it be deducted from that amount.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
A. R. Linderman
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

in course of manufacture, which he can finish & furnish to us at the cost stated, in two weeks. May 16. 7.

A three foot balance will cost $650.

J. P. Hartley Esq.
Asst. Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing a communication from the Collector of Customs at New Orleans, in which that Officer requests to be furnished with a set of Weights & Scales for weighing Coin.

These scales have usually been manufactured for the Mint, Custom Houses &c, by Henry Troemner of this City. He can furnish a four foot Balance with scales, and Weights as follows - for weighing $5000 - $4000 - $3000 - $2000, $1000 - $500, $100 - $50 - $30 - $20 - $10 - $5 - $3 - $2½ - and one dollar piece.

Price of Four foot Balance $ 0
" Weights as above indicated 145
Total cost complete $965

Mr Troemner, has a balance of the above description

in course of manufacture, which he can finish & furnish to us at the cost stated, in two weeks.

A three foot balance will cost $650.
Weights of capacity same as before described

145
$795

And will require six weeks to manufacture

Mr Trocmer is a very skillful Scales manufacturer and any work he undertakes will be executed in the most thorough manner. If you conclude to order one of these balances, I will see that it is carefully inspected and tested before shipment.

Respectfully Yours
H B Lindenman
H B Linden Director

The communications of the Collector & Cashier at New Orleans, are returned herewith.

May 16 7

Sealed Proposals for supplying the Mint with refined Nickel suitable for alloying Copper for Coinage, for six months from the first day of August next, will be received by the Treasurer of the Mint, (Chambers McKibbin Esq) untill noon of the 15th day of June proximo. It is estimated that the quantity required will be two thousand pounds per week.

The right will be reserved to declare the contract annulled in case the article supplied should appear after due trial to be unfit for Coinage

H. D. Lindenman
Director

Jos Wharton Esq

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A. B. Lindeman
Assistant

Fleitmann & Wiener
or Fleitmann & Witte
New York

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H B Linderman
Director

C Robbins Esq
104 John St
New York

May 16 1857

Sir:

There is no premium on the coinage of cents for any year.

Very Respy
H B Lindenmann
Director

To
C A Heschl
Bucyrus
Crawford Co
Ohio

May 16 1857

Sir:

There is no premium on the Cent Coinage of any year.

Very Respy
H B Lindenmann
Director

To
W H Smith
Montgomery
N.Y.

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May 16th 1867.

Hon Hugh McCulloch.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir.

I have your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing design of a Seal for the Freedmans Bureau, and requesting a Seal to be made in the best styles of art.

In regard to the design allow me to suggest, that the placing of stars on the chief of the shield (although frequently done) is not in accordance with the true heraldry of our National arms. The stars are appropriate to the crest, but not on the shield. Otherwise I think the design very appropriate to the object for which it is intended.

The changes in the design indicated in Your letter will be made.

To do justice to this design (which is more elaborate and artistic than is usually required for seals) in the Engraving, demands

highest skill in the department of art to which it belongs.

This seal can be prepared in the Engraving Department of the Mint, but not without some delay in consequence of the large number of dies required for the foreign coinage.

The most skilful artist in this Country to execute a seal like the one you desire, is Mr A. B. Paquet, formerly an Assistant in our Die department who left the Mint a few years ago, because he could do better pecuniarily at private work. He offers to Engrave the seal for $300 — The seal will require the attachment of a press worth $75 — more — I think these prices reasonable —

Mr Paquet will undertake to Engrave the seal in Six Weeks from the 1st June proximo.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D. R. Anderson —
Director

May 17 7

Sir:

I have to request that you will advise the Collector of the Port of New York, to pass through the Custom House, free of duty, a package per Steamer "Java", marked H M R #1, Containing a Platinum "Assay Apparatus" for the use of this Mint

to

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

May 14 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 10th inst. I have this day written to the Secy of Treasy requesting him to authorize the Collector at New York to pass through the Custom House free of duty the package containing the Platinum "Assay Apparatus".

You will please forward one duplicate receipted bill, and on receipt of the Apparatus I will remit you the amount.

Very Respy
A. B. Lindsay
Director

To
H. M. Raynor Esq
944 Broadway
New York

May 17 [illegible]

To Cat.

I am in receipt of yours of 16th inst.

You are hereby authorized to purchase $1,474 70/100 gold at the lowest market rate, and draw on me for the amount, sending duplicate receipts bills made out at $1 33/100 per pound and premium on gold added.

To
Mess Van Wart McCoy & Co
72 Beekman St
New York

Very Resply
H. R. Linderman
Director

Your Nickel is now being tried. The Mutter & Refiner reports it an inferior article. — It may on a second meeting prove better. —

May 17. 7.

Sir,

You will please furnish me with a statement of the number of sets of proof coins of 1866, received by you from the Chief Coiner in that Year; also the number sold.—

The same information is requested in relation to the sets of the present Year—

The sale of individual pieces will also be noted in the statement.

Yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Chambers McKibbin Esq
Treasurer of Mint,

Mar 18 4

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of this Mint for the sum of One thousand Dollars ($1.000) and charge the same against the Incidental & Contingent Expense appropriation for the support of the Branch Mint at San Francisco. Cal

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
A. R. Linderman
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D. C.

May 18 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 14th inst enclosing $300 for 5¢ Coin. The same will be shipped in about two week.

I enclose ~~you~~ a circular giving you the necessary information in relation to remitting for Small Coin.

To
P L Clement Esq
Cashr
Charleston. Ills

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

May 18 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 16th inst.

There are no specimen Coins retained at the Mint Except in the Cabinet.

I enclose you a list of medals with prices attached. You can obtain the Proof Coins for this year if you desire

To
Nelson A Sims Esq
Box 257
Columbus

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

then be made. Immediately after which the dies shall be replaced in the boxes and sealed up under the official seals of the Director & Engraver—

H R Linderman
Director

May 18 7

On the 8th of July 1859 several experimental Dies were boxed, sealed, and placed, in the Vault in the Cabinet, by the then, Director of the Mint, and a list thereof was filed in the Director Office. Another sealed box of experimental Dies was placed in said vault July 30 1860, and a list filed in the same office. Neither of these papers can now be found, and the Director deems it proper to have the boxes opened and again sealed up. It is ordered that the boxes referred to shall be opened this day in the presence of the Director, Chief Coiner, & Engraver. A list of the Dies shall

May 19 1.

Mr E. B. Meyers.
Hanover
York Co. Pa

We received today by mail a package of quartz from you on which there is $1.20 postage to pay. — On this receipt of that amount from you the specimen will analyzed & the result reported to you — Please remit immediately. — You should have prepaid the postage

Resp. Mail
H B Linderman
Director

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May 18 74

Sir:

I have been for some days past in correspondence with all the responsible Express Companies in relation to the transportation of Gold Bullion from the Branch Mint at Denver to the Mint at Philadelphia, and have received propositions at rates as follows:

From Wells Fargo & Co $11.50 per $1.000 payable in gold

" U. S. Express Co $11.50 " " " " "

" U. S. Express Co from Denver to St Louis via Smoky Hill route $10.50

" Adams Express Co from St Louis to Philad $2.50 per thousand payable in gold and Philad to New York fifty cents per thousand

The offer of Wells Fargo & Co also of U. S. Express Co is quite exorbitant and the rate very reasonable, and I should accept one or the other and forward Contract for your approval but the Adams Express Company - in that they have the right, under their Contract with the Department to receive this Bullion at St Louis - This being the case I deem it proper to submit the several bids for your consideration

The Regulations authorizing the issue of Coin Drafts on N Y Assist Treas urer for the nett value of gold Bullion deposited at the Mint Denver, were approved by you on the 20th of February 1856, and efforts were made by the Director (Mr Pollock) to arrange for transportation from Denver to the Mint. The same claim was then made by the Adams Express Company and the subject was dropped. The lowest rate offered at that time was $14 per 1.000. The offers at this time are much more favorable and the question should now be decided.

As the season of the year for an increase in the production of gold in Colorado and Montana, and its transmission East is close at hand, the Regulations for the issue of Drafts at Denver Mint should be put in operation without delay.

As a matter of information I deem it proper to state that the private advices from Montana give assurance of a large increase in the production of gold during the present year. It will be a great convenience for the producers of Bullion in that distant region to be able to receive Coin Drafts therefor at Denver. From that point to the Mint the Bullion can be safely transported by Express.

Hon Hugh McCulloch Sec of Treas

H R Linderman Director

May 20. 7.

Mr Geo. W. Haws
Money Clerk,
Phila Do. Local Express,

I have your note of 18th inst. — There is no regulation or order preventing a proper receipt being given to all parties who deposit U. S. currency for exchange for 1. 2. 3 & 5 cent pieces.
If you will indicate any particular case of refusal to give the proper receipt, or of attention. It will be looked into.

Respectfully Yours
H. B. Linderman
Director

May 2 [illegible]

Sir

I Enclose $5 in payment of one years subscription to the "Bankers Magazine".

Please receipt the Enclosed bill & return.

Very Respy

H R Lindermann
Director

To
J Smith Homans Esq
Bankers Magazine
New York
No 46 Pine St

May 18th 1859

List of Dies Sealed up in Box
by Director of the Mint July 8th 1859
& Unsealed May 18th 1859.

3 Flying Eagle 1 Cent obverse & 1854 1858
1 Liberty Head 1 " " 1854
1 Reverse " "
1 Ring Cent obverse & Reverse 1850
1 Cent (Liberty Seated) " " " 1857
1 Tenth Silver Cent " " "
1 Cent Blank " " Wreath Reverse
1 2 " Eagle " " Reverse
1 3 " Liberty Cap " " " Lines
1 3 " Figure 3. " " " "

May 18th 1869

List of Dies Sealed up in Box by Director of the Mint July 30th 1860 & rescaled May 18th 1869

Dollar Die	1804
Silver Dollar Dies	1838
" " "	1836
" " "	1839
Experiment Dies half dollars 1 head & 4 Rev	1859
Paquet Half Dollar Die	1859
" Quarter "	1859
Half Dollar Die	1858
" "	1859
Dollar Dies (Silver)	1851 & 1852
Half Cent Dies	1836
" " "	1851
" " "	1852
" " "	1844
" " "	1846
" " "	1847
" " "	1848
" " "	1842
" " "	1840
" " "	1852
Quarter Dollar Die	1827
Experimental gold dollar Die	1852
" " "	1836

May 20. 67.

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing a communication from Messrs Buchanan & Dengell, in relation to exchange of the old copper cent.

By the act of April 22. 1864 the Mint is no longer allowed to receive the old copper cent in exchange. As old copper they are worth about half a cent, as currency

It may be proper to add what will soon be made public but is premature just now, that to reduce the superfluity and variety of cents, as also to obtain a supply of nickel-copper alloy of character suitable for coinage, we are authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury, to buy the Nickel-copper cents of 1857 & 1864, and pay for them in three and five cent pieces

At present we are not able to fix the terms, and I merely hint this for your own information.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. F. E. Spinner,
Treasurer U. States,
Washington.

P.S.

I return herewith the enclosure contained in your letter, and send also, a few of the circulars with which we answer most of the letters of enquiry relative to exchange for the five cent coin.

L.

Copy

May 22

Robt B Swain Esq
Supt U.S. Mint. San Francisco Cal

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22d ult. Please accept my thanks for the kind and complimentary manner in which you refer to my appointment to the Directorship of the Mint, and permit me to add that I shall leave nothing undone to bring the Mint and Branches to the highest efficiency.

As you are in possession of all the facts in relation to reducing the charge for parting, at your Branch, you are best able to form a correct opinion on the subject. On general principles I favor the reduction, and I think you would do well to exercise the discretion given you by the Secretary of the Treasury. It should not in any event exceed the actual cost of the materials and labor employed in the operation.

In connection with this subject, it is proper for me to state that a few days since I suggested to the Secretary of the Treasury, the propriety of selling the gold and silver Coin arising from the parting, refining, and bar charges, and passing the proceeds in U S Currency to the Credit of your Incidental & Contingent appropriation. I think this but just to your Institution. The decision of the Department has not yet been received.

In view of the vast importance to our Country, its finances & Commerce, of the Gold and Silver Mining interests, of the hazards to Capital invested in the same, and the toils and privations of those engaged in Mining, it appears to me that as few and as light charges as possible should be imposed on the bullion when deposited for Coinage

The abolishment of parting and refining at the Mints does not appear to me to be desirable or expedient. The bullion interests of the country would

soon be placed at the mercy of combi-
-nations of Capital, and we would soon
be in receipt of Bullion unfit for Coinage,
and this would occur when the facilities
now existing in the Mint & Branches had
been taken from them-

I would thank you to be
particular to acknowledge the receipt
of all the Bill of Lading sent to you
since the date of my first letter to you
in order that we may know that you
have received the same, or be able to sup-
-ply triplicate in case of miscarriage
by Mail.

Respectfully Yours
(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director

May 21. 1 7.

Hon W. E. Chandler,
Asst. Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir.

Pursuant to the instructions contained in your letter of yesterday, I have contracted with Mr Henry Troemner, for the Manufacture of a three foot balance, with weights specified in your letter - all complete, and subject to my inspection and approval, for the sum of Seven Hundred and Ninety Five Dollars - Mr Troemner will commence work to day on the balance, and expects to complete it in five weeks -

With great Respect,
Your obt. Servant,
H R Linderman
Director.

May 21 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Secy of Treasury, advising me that he had instructed the Collector of Customs at New York, to admit free of duties and charges, A package containing a Platinum "Assay Apparatus" marked "16 M R #1" imported for the use of the U S Mint per Steamer "Java".

To
H M Raynor Esq
748 Broadway
New York

Very Respy
A R Linderman
Director

May 21 7

Sir

We are now being supplied with the very best variety of Lehigh Steamer Coal which is entirely satisfactory

To

J D McKee Esq
534 Nth 23d St

Very Respy
H B Lindeman
Director

May 21 7

Sir

We are now being supplied with wood at price less than you offer.

To

Mess Jno Lowry & Son

Very Respy
H B Lindeman
Director

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May 22nd 7

Gent.

I am in receipt of yours 20th inst enclosing check for $100 in payment of 100 to Nickel-Copper Alloy.

Mr Rice & Barton
Taunton
Mass

Very Resp
H B Lindeman
Director

May 22 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 20th inst.

The cent of 1858 is worth no more than one of any other date.

To
Post Master
Clay
N.Y.

Very Resp
H B Lindeman
Director

May 23 7

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May 23 7

Sir:

In reply to mine of the 16th inst, you stated, if I would make a requisition for $1.000, on account of expenditures for supplies for the Mint, San Francisco and to be applied to the appropriation, on account of which it was expended, it should have immediate attention. On the 17th inst I made a requisition for $1.000 the same to be charged against the Incidental & Contingent Expense appropriation. Up to this time the draft has not been received by the Treasurer. As the funds are required to meet purchases already made: I have to request that it may receive your earliest attention.

Very Respy,
Yr obt Svt
A. R. Linderman
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

May 23

Sir:

I am in receipt of your [illegible]

The Coins you mention are worth six per cent more than those of later years.

I should think any Broker would pay you that difference for them.

To

Henry William Eckey Respy
Box 2528.
New York

H. R. Linderman
Director

The earlier Gold and Silver coinage of the U. S. – if well preserved are sought for by Coin Collectors, and considerable prices are ~~[illegible]~~ often paid for the same.

May 23

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of – date.

There is no premium on the Cent Coinage of any year

To

Mr H. [illegible] Very Respy
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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May 23 7

Dr:

I am in receipt of your
of 20th inst.

The variation in the Star
[illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
between the stars in the [illegible]
issues having been omitted.

Both varieties are genuine

Yours
Very Truly
H. B. Lindemann
Director

1st Nat Bk
Batavia N.Y.

May 23 7

The [illegible]
[illegible] worth
than [illegible] nominal or face
[illegible]

Yours
[illegible]
[illegible] H. B. Lindemann
[illegible]

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May 23 7

Sir:

I herewith return dft for $50 received in yours of 20th inst, which please make payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Mint, in place of Wm Millward who retired from the Directorship on Mch 4th last. After endorsement Enclose the same to the Treasurer with your order which will receive prompt attention

Very Respy
H B Lindenmuir
Director

To
Jos A Stouffer Esq
1st Nat Bk
Cashr
New Windsor
Md.

May 23 7

Gent

I herewith Enclose the dft for $200 received in yours of 21st inst. The same is made payable to the order of Wm Millward, who retired from the Directorship of the Mint on March 4th last.

Please make it payable to the order of Treasurer of the Mint and enclose it to him with your order which will receive prompt attention

Very Respy
H B Lindenmuir
Director

To
Mess E H Coy & Co
Toledo. O

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May 25 7

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of 23d inst.

The cents of 1857 & 8 are worth no more than their nominal or face value.

There is no provision made in the law for the redemption of the cent coinage.

Very Respy
H R Lindermann
Director

To
E Lacke Esq
Indianapolis
Ind.

May 23. 7.

I H Walton Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have your note of Yesterday — It is due to frankness that I should inform you that I see no probability of being able to find a place for your friend Mr Wallace — There are no vacancies existing — and I do not contemplate removing faithful & tried employes to make place for others.

Respectfully Yrs
H R Lindermann

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May 25 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 23d inst.

The cents of 1857 & 8 are worth no more than their nominal or face value.

There is no provision made in the law for the redemption of the cent coinage.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

To
E Locke Esq
Indianapolis
Ind.

May 25 7

Gent.

I am in receipt of yours of 22d inst.

I enclose a circular giving you the desired information.

The coin can be shipped within two weeks after receipt of order.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

To
Mess Cowgar & Bremner
Manchester
Iowa

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May 25 7

Sir: I am in receipt of yours of 20th inst.

Please find enclosed a circular giving you the necessary information. You will notice that the Mint does not receive a deposit that will amount to less than $100 in Coin.

To
D. H. Coe
Wyandott
Kansas.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

May 25 7

Sir: In reply to yours of 24th inst, I have to request that you will send me the letter you propose, the name blank that will insure my messinger every facility for making a [illegible] examination into the capacity working of the Mines.

To
Jos Wharton Esq
Camden Nickel Works
Camden
N.J.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

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May 25. 7.

Mrs Nelson Batten.
811 Rice St. St. Paul

I have
Your note in relation to the
application of Miss
Emma & Miss Martha Burr.
The application & your letter
will be filed & be considered
when there are any
vacancies. It is but
fair that I should say
that a further reduction
of female employés is
necessary and that the
prospect of additional
appointments is not
flattering. Respectfully
H. R. Linderman

May 27th 1

Sir:

Pursuant to the authorization contained in your letter of 23d inst. I made on Saturday (25th inst), after the close of business, and without previous notice to the Treasurer, examination of the Books, Accounts, and Monies in his office, and found the following sums on hand. Viz

Gold.	371.002.00
Silver	26.389.67
Ordinary a/c	32.483.46
Cent	224.068.89
Pr Mint San Francisco	6.526.43
" " Denver	905.75
Total	$661.376.20

which agreed with that officers balance sheet for the day.

The examination was as thorough as possible and it affords me pleasure to report that I found the Books, Accounts &c correct. The clerks are competent, experienced, and attentive, and the business of the office appears to be conducted methodically and every precaution taken to insure correctness, safety and the most per dispatch of business.

May 24 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of 23 inst, I would state that an order for small coin can be filled within two weeks after receipt.

Very Respy
H Robinson
Cashr

To
Cashr
1st Nat'l B'k
Fenton
Mich

Very Respy
H Robinson
Cashr

To
Cashr
1st Nat'l B'k
Fenton
Mich

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May 27 /7

Gent. I am in receipt of yours of 24th inst.

The cents of 1857 & 58 are of no more value than those of other years.

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director

To
Messrs Preston & Co
Detroit
Mich

May 27 /7

Sir: I am in receipt of yours of 22d inst.

Please find enclosed Circulars which will give you the desired information.

In addition to the 1/2 % for Coinage, there is 1/2 % for Internal Revenue Tax.

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director

E F Whitney Esq
Leavenworth
Kansas

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Sir:

May 21 7

Pursuant to the authorization contained in your letter of 23d inst, I made an examination (23d inst), after the close of business, and without previous notice to the Asst Treasurer of the U.S. at this city, of the Books, Accounts, and Monies, in his office, and found the Balances of $5,740,433.84. Which agreed with that Officers balance sheet for the day.

In the foregoing the following was counted as Cash. viz.

Certificates of Temporary Loan $43,999.59

The examination was as thorough as possible, and it affords me pleasure to report that I found the Books, accounts, &c correct. The clerks are competent, experienced and attentive, and the business of the office appears to be conducted methodically and every precaution taken to insure correctness, safety, and the proper despatch of business.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Treasr

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec of Treasy
Washington D. C.

Copy

May 27 7

Dear Sir:

I received a few days ago an unofficial letter from Geo^r Dunning Esq, Supt U S Assay Office, New York, stating that he had asked leave of absence for four months & solicited the appointment of a special agency to visit Colorado, Montana, & Idaho, in that capacity - Mr Dunning requests me, in the letter referred to, to say a kind word for him -

Mr Dunning entered the Mint service many years ago, and since then his time and talents have been faithfully applied in the performance of his duties - He is a Gentleman of fine intelligence and well deserves any recognition the Department may be able to give him -

If the Department has any special business to be attended to in the Territories referred to above, it could not be confided to more com[illegible] or worthy hands.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington D.C.

I am with great Respect
Your friend & ob[illegible]
Signed H R [illegible]

May 28 7

Madam—

In reply to yours of — inst. I would state that there is no premium on the coinage of cents for any year.

Very Resp'y
H R Linderman
Director

To
Mrs M J Mayhew
Box 385
Indianapolis
Ind

May 28 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 24th inst with Enclosure.

I send this day per Adams & Co Express one proof Let.

Very Resp'y
H R Linderman
Director

To
Wm H Ferris Esq
M Treasy
New York

Sir:

May 28 7

I am in receipt of yours of 23d inst. I would state in reply, that the deposit in question was received on the 11th inst. from the Agent of Kinsley & Co's Express: it was opened and weighed in his presence. The weight before melting was 57.62 oz. After Melting 54.34 oz.

The unofficial paper referred to in yours is a mere matter of memorandum which is given to all depositors. I enclose you a duplicate.

The party from whom a deposit of bullion is rece[illegible] is the only one that can be recognised as the depositor, and it is the rule of the Mint that any deposit must be opened & weighed in his or her presence.

I enclose a communication on the subject from the agent of K[illegible] Express Co.

Geo W Patee Esq
Canton - Mo

[illegible] Party
[illegible]

May 29 /7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 25th inst.

The demand for the 5¢ coin is so great that we are some weeks behind in filling orders.

After the cents are taken from the Mint, they can not be received again; as there is no provision in the law for the re-emption of the cent coinage.

To
Cashier
Fredonia Nat'l Bk
Fredonia
N. Y.

Very Resp'y
H. R. Linderman
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Director Clerk

May 29 /7

Sir:

In reply to yours of 26th inst. I would state that there were a few pattern pieces of Nickel struck in 1866 & some of the Copper in 1857. There were no 5¢ pieces struck in 1865.

A Proof Set of Silver & Copper will cost you $2.00 in Coin.

To
P. P. R. Brigham
Franklin
Pa.

Very Resp'y
H. R. Linderman
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Director Clerk

May 29 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of a telegram from Sr. Mint San Francisco, dated May 25th inquiring whether the 2 Tons of Copper for alloy had been shipped. I answered "Yes: by Steamship "Ocean Queen" on 1st inst."

I have to request that you will ascertain, and report to me, about what time it should arrive at San Francisco.

Te
Geo F Dunning Esq
Supt M S Assay Office
New York

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Director Clerk

May 30 77

Sir:

The enclosed circular [illegible] will advise you of the only way by which you can have the cent you mention in yrs of 25th inst exchanged had for 1866

Wm Widdle Esq
Dr Sulphur Springs
New Orleans
Crawford Esq
Ohio

Very Respy
H C R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Director's Clerk

May 30 77

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of 24th inst enclosing Bkncts for $500 Coin

I herewith return the your of 20th which [illegible] make [illegible] one per [illegible] 1866 mint and enclose it

Mr Luther [illegible] Respy
119 Boston [illegible] Cor Rutherman
from Salem Directors [illegible] Director
1st 1866 Mass

per A Thacher Jr
Very Respy
H C R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Director's Clerk

To
Cashier
Evansville Nat Bk
Evansville
Ind

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May 30 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 12th inst.

Please find enclosed 2 Proof 5¢ pieces for this year. None are to be had for 1866.

Very Respy

To

Dr J F Pratt
New Sharon
Me.

H R Kinderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Director's Clerk

May 30 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 28th inst enclosing $300 Coin.

I have shipped to your address per Adams & Co's Express One proof set.

To

Matthew A Stickney
119 Boston St.
Salem
Mass

Very Respy

H R Kinderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Director's Clerk

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May 21 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 29th inst with enclosure.

I have this day shipped to your address, per Adams Express Co. $2.000 in 5¢ pieces as per your order:

Very Respy
~~H. Lindenmann~~
Director

To
Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington

May 21 7

Sir: You will cause to have struck One hundred sets of the Bronze & Nickel Coins for the use of the Medal Dept. (Proofs) Pg.

Honorable Eng. Very Respy
Engraver H. Lindenmann
M. Smith Director

May 31 7

Sir:

I have to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Thirty nine thousand four hundred and ninety three 75/100 Dollars - payable out of the approbriation for the support of this Institution, as follows

Salaries	$8.243.75
Wages	$31.250.00
	$39.493.75

It being the balance due the U S Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30 1864.

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

May 31 /7

Sir:

Your letter of 29th inst has been received.

The silver peso of Peru, 1866 which I believe bears the new name of Sol, is worth here 95.5 cents, payable in silver coins less than the dollar.

The gold piece of 20 soles, of Peru, is worth $19.22, without regard to charges for recoinage. This makes 96.1 cents to the gold sol, payable in gold coin. If the half per cent mint charge, and the half per cent tax, are to be allowed for in the adjustment, then of course the net value is 95.1.

The question, "what is the value of the silver Sol, as compared with our gold dollar," cannot be answered. Gold and silver have no fixed relation in our present coinage laws, and their relative value is left open to the fluctuations of commerce.

The question of the settlement of the accounts of our foreign ministers, especially in S. America, has repeatedly been referred to us. It is always embarrassed by the difficult just

just referred to. If it were proper for me to offer an opinion, I would say that these payments could be made on a more equal plan than that which was laid down by Secretary Guthrie. It would be, to pay bills of exchange on London, equal to the amounts due, and to let the Ministers do the best they can with those bills. I suggest sterling exchange, because it is the currency of the world; whereas our exchange is not known, in many countries

To
Hon R. W. Taylor
Comptroller
Treasury Dep't
Washington
D. C.

Very Respt.
Yr obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director